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### Labour compromise on poll date

### Gould enters contest with tax challenge

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

BRYAN Gould set the Labour leadership contest alight yesterday by challenging the tax policies presented by his opponent, John Smith, to the British electorate.

Labour's tax package, he said, had showed "less than total sensitivity" to voters in the South whose support Labour needed.

The shadow environment secretary insisted that the party must have an economic policy as well as a tax policy. "If we find ourselves, as we did, unable to campaign, to argue, to debate on the great issues of economic policy, we were left with a very narrow terrain on which to fight eco-nomic issues," Mr Gould said. "That terrain was tax and I believe it was not the best territory for us to

The national executive committee reached a compromise yesterday over the timing of the leadership election, which is now due to take place on July 18, three weeks later than Neil Kinnock had

Mr Gould also put his

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The "dirty tricks" dispute between British Airways and Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic will be heard in the High Court in the summer. Mr Branson is sueing BA for libel and the national airline lodged counter-claim yester-

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American navy and marine engineers will today try to drop 50 five-ton concrete blocks joined by steel cables and chains into the lava threatening the town of Zafferana in the foothills of Mount Enta ..... Page 16

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name forward for the deputy leadership, as díd John Prescott. Labour's transport spokesman. There was, however, intense speculation at Westminster last night that a third candidate might run for the job of deputy. It appeared that neither Gordon Brown, the shadow industry secretary, nor Tony Blair, the party's health spokesman, had been given encouragement by the Smith camp to stand for the post. This opened up the possibility that Margaret Beckett, Mr Smith's number two Treasury spokesman, or even Jack Cunningham, the party's campaign co-ordina-tor, might put their names

Mr Gould, seeking to present himself as the radical candidate in opposition to the safety first approach of Mr Smith, the shadow chancellor, said that Labour had to win new constituencies of support. He said that the party should, for example, aim for the backing of wo-men, young people, and those who want to make something of themselves". Such people, he insisted, wanted to be sure that Labour would not be "setting caps on

their aspirations". Mr Gould, MP for Dagenham, Essex, emphasised his empathy with the aspiring C2 skilled working-class voters. Some party members believe that Mr Smith's tax and National Insurance package alienated them, but the shadow chancellor defended his tax package at the launch of his leadership campaign. He claimed that the "misrepresentation" of his tax policy might well have caused some people not to vote for Labour

last week. "I have in mind the fact that it was not seriously disputed, at any stage during the election, that eight out of ten families would gain as a result of Labour's tax and spending proposals, and yet a number of people who would undoubtedly be beneficiaries of what we were proposing appear not to have recognised that."

Both he and Mr Gould emphasised their unwilling-ness to enter pacts or deals with the Liberal Democrats and both proclaimed that the party should work for greater equality in Britain. Mr Gould underlined, however, that this goal had to be achieved through wealth creation as well as taxation.

While Mr Smith emphasised his pro-European credentials and his readiness for 'positive partnership", Mr Gould held out the prospect of a Labour party devaluing the exchange rate of the pound within the exchangerate mechanism under his leadership. He said that that defence of the pound at an unrealistic level could force deflationary policies on the

The decision to hold the leadership election on July 18 came at the end of a pro-longed debate in which many members claimed that the contest was being rushed. Several members, including Sam McCluskie, the party treasurer, argued that the election should not be held until Labour's annual confer-

ence in the autumn. Neil Kinnock and Roy Hattersley favoured the timetable suggested by the Labour lead-er in his resignation statement, which would have allowed the election to take place on June 27. The compromise of July 18 received the backing of both Robin Cook, Mr Smith's campaign manager, and David Blunkett. Mr Gould's campaign

Earlier in a statement launching his candidature for the leadership, Mr Gould said he shared "the disquiet that is now widespread in the party at the speed with which we are being assured that the Continued on page 16, col ?

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### Bar retains monopoly of higher court access

BY RICHARD FORD. HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Crown Prosecution Service has failed in its attempt to break the Bar's monopoly of advocacy rights in the

crown and higher courts.

A report published yester-day recommended that solicitors in private practice and with additional training should have rights of audience in the higher courts. But solicitors employed by government, local authorities and industry, and employed barristers will not. A committee set up to advise Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said that employed lawyers could not.

at present, show the necessary detachment and impartiality. The committee also accepted arguments by the Bar and senior judges that allowing the Crown Prosecution Service limited rights of audience in higher courts would be the "thin end of the wedge" lead-

ing to a monopoly. David Gandy, acting director of public prosecutions, promised to continue to press the case for all employed lawyers to be given rights of audience in higher courts.

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after refusing a junior minister's job in John Major's new government

### Two held after arms cache find

ANTI-terrorist police were questioning a man and a woman last night after an arms cache was found in a lock-up garage in northwest London.

The couple are being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act at the high-security Paddington Green police station. Officers would not say whether they were being interviewed about last Friday's IRA van bombings in the City of London and Staples Corner, in north London, which killed three people and injured 91.

It is understood that the arrests came after a lengthy surveillance operation by the anti-terrorist squad. The couple were arrested late on Monday night in an opera-tion involving 30 police offi-cers, some of them armed. Neighbours of the couple said yesterday they had previously seen two Transit vans parked outside the couple's bunga-

low in Islip Gardens, Northolt. Forensic scientists yesterday spent the day at the bungalow. The police said later: "Part of our continuing oper-ations has led to the recovery ☐ The Irish National Libera-

of arms and explosives." tion Army yesterday claimed that it shot and killed an army sergeant as he left work at a recruiting centre in Derby on Monday evening. Michael Newman, 34, who was shot in the head at point blank range, died in hospital yesterday morning.

> Target stalked, page 3 Conor Cruise O'Brien

### World court rules against Libya

By TOM WALKER IN THE HAGUE

THE International Court of Justice in The Hague yesterday said it had no power to prevent the United Nations Security Council enacting sanctions against Libya for shielding the Lockerbie

Sanctions will therefore go into effect against Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's regime at 5am British time. These include halting flights to and from Libya, a ban on weapons sales and reductions in Libyan diplomatic personnel.

Frank Berman, the legal adviser to the Foreign Office who was in The Hague to hear the court's decision, said he was "very satisfied" with the ruling. He said if Libya decided to continue its case against Britain and America we will fight it with utmost vigour all the way".

Libya yesterday endorsed an Arab League offer to hand over the two men to Malia, which said it would accept them. But this move, due to be discussed privately by the



Baker: delighted with the court's decision

security council yesterday, was almost certain to be rejected by the West. The government realfirmed yesterday that it in-

tended to work closely with

the American, French and other governments of the security council and with the UN secretary-general. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, will today outline what further steps Britain may propose. James Baker, the American Secretary of State, said he was delighted that the world court was not going to attempt to interfere with the

security council decision. However, one of the European lawyers acting for Tripoli in the case, the Belgian professor Jean Salmon, denounced the ruling. "The UN Security Council now has the right to crush little countries and the court has bowed to the powers of the council." he

The 16-member court ruled by 11 votes to five against granting Libya a temporary restraining order against Britain and America. Libva had argued that Britain and America had breached the Montreal Convention on Air Terrorism by their moves in the security council to force Libva to hand over the two suspected bombcourt ruled that the UN Charter is superior to the Montreal

The five judges in the minority did not necessarily endorse Libya's claim to inter-Continued on page 16, col 1

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### Insurers refuse to make a drama out of a crisis



In tatters: the firm's offices in St Mary Axe By Jon Ashworth

SHAREHOLDERS in Commercial Union who spent the weekend well away from a television set had a nasty surprise when they turned up for their annual meeting yesterday. The venue was no longer there.

The Baltic Exchange in the heart of the City lies in ruins and the blackframed Commercial Union office in St Mary Axe is in tatters. The insurance group had chosen the site for its annual meeting long before Friday's bomb blast. In the best British tradition, the

show had to go on. Nicholas Baring, the chairman, and his directors were obliged by company law to go to the original site, declare the meeting adjourned, and move to a new venue. Thousands of pounds were spent advertising the change of location in national newspapers. Mr Baring and his team arrived at the appointed time,

just as builders began knocking the remaining glass out of the 28-storey St Helen's tower. Splinters rained down as police kept back the crowds.

Despite their experience of flood, fire, hurricanes and innumerable other disasters, the directors decided not to risk it. They moved on to The Brewery, a conference centre in Chiswell Street. and shareholders began pouring in. "We apologise for any incovenience."

Mr Baring said, scanning the crowded room. "Our hearts go out to the victims and we express our sympathy for those who suffered material damage."

Some of the 300 shareholders glanced nervously at the wooden beams which support the Porter Tun room. On Friday, their company had seen its international headquarters destroyed. On Monday, the biggest earthquake in western Europe since 1756 had struck in Holland, home to Delta Lloyd, one of its most important subsidiaries. What

would Tuesday bring? An infestation of termites?

Tony Brend, chief executive, praised the team that had worked through the weekend to move all but 19 of the 650 staff. The questions began. What would the repairs cost? Impossible to say, Mr Brend said, but a fire at a nearby office block had cost £11 million in claims. 'Doubtless there will be further unex-

pected hurdles as we move through 1992 and 1993." The shareholders exchanged knowing looks.

The thought for the day goes to the shareholder who arrived at the police control caravan on Leadenhall Street just before noon, asking for directions to the meeting. "I come every year." he explained, staring in amazement at the rubble and broken windows. Somehow annual meetings will never be the same.

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### Currie snubs Major over job

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EDWINA Currie's refusal to make a comeback in John Major's new administration last night overshadowed the biggest overhaul of the gov-

ernment since 1979.

Mr Major's efforts to complete a reshuffle involving 22 exits and entrances among 83 cabinet and middle and junior-ranking posts were thrown into disarray by Mrs Currie's snub. A scheduled briefing for political reporters at Westminster and the release of the official list of the new government were de-layed as a result.

Mrs Currie, 45, was called to Downing Street in the late afternoon amid widespread speculation that she would return to government after more than three years in exile

### Patten offer

Chris Patten. the Conservative Party chairman who lost his Bath scat at the election, has been offered the governorship of Hong Kong. party sources said last night. Diary, page 12

as a result of her resignation over the "salmonella in eggs" affair. She said later, however, that she had refused an offer of promotion to minister of state level.

"The prime minister and I had a long and friendly discussion and I was very honoured to be asked to join his government. However, I felt that someone else could do the job far better than I. so I have declined.

Downing Street sources confirmed Mrs Currie's account, but would no give no details. Immediately it was rumoured that Mrs Currie had been offered a job working for Kenneth Clarke in the Home Office and had rejected it because of a potential personality clash. Mr Clarke was health secretary when Mrs Currie quit amid the furore generated by her remark that most egg production in Britain was infected by salmonella.

The former junior health minister's snub to the prime minister would seem to end all hopes she might have had of regaining office. Her decision will be regarded with amazement on the Tory benches, particularly in the Continued on page 16, col 8

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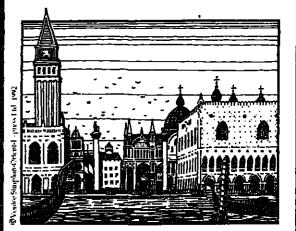
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**Convictions** 

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Two men jailed for hereing asylum-seekers to travel to

Britain on forged passports were cleared of aroung illegal immigration yesterday. The Court of Appeal held that

they had not committed any offence because the asylumseekers were not illegal en-

trants at the point of disembarkation at Garwick

Lord Justice Warkins said

that disembarkation could

not be equated with entry.

The families had immediate-

ly claimed political returned

status. They did not seek to co

through immigration control and did not proffer any

forged documents.
The convictions of Yanu

Naillie, 41, a Kenyan national, and Rajaratnum Kanesarajah, 45, a Sri-Lankan born British national, on charges of facilitating illegal entry under the provision. Act

the 1971 Immigration Act

could not be upheld, the court

said. Naillie had been jailed

for 15 months by Isleworth

crown court. Kanesarajah, of

Rivals for Labour leadership outline their programmes to make party electable

### Voice of calm promises wider appeal

By Philip Webster Chief political correspondent

JOHN Smith launched his campaign for the Labour leadership yesterday with a promise to try to broaden the party's appeal and to carry on Neil Kinnock's work of modernising its structures

and procedures. The shadow chancellor demonstrated all his calmness, reassurance, self-confidence and caution as he laid out his credentials for the job at a Westminster press conference. Mr Smith's unshakeable belief in redistributing wealth and the need to improve public services and reduce poverty means that he will have support from the left as well as right in a contest for which he is the clear favour-

### WORK SHITH

ite. The appearance at his side yesterday of Robin Cook, the soft-left shadow health secretary, was proof of that. His redistributionist ten-

dencies may be seen as a contributory factor to the de-feat of Labour in the election as the loss is analysed during the next few weeks and months. The publication of a shadow budget, rejecting the phasing of the national insurance changes that Mr Kinnock would have preferred, gave the Tories am-munition to keep Labour's tax plans in people's minds during the campaign. Although opinion polls suggested the tax was not a big concern, Labour leaders concede that it was probably a

dominant influence. Mr Smith said yesterday that the "misrepresentation" of the taxation policies had persuaded some people not to support Labour and he regretted that the party had not conveyed the fact that eight out of 10 families would have

Mr Smith, the youngest member of James Calla-ghan's cabinet in 1978, has been widely regarded as an adherent of Treasury orthodoxy during his period as shadow chancellor, forever would spend no more than it could afford, would never devalue and would put up interest rates if necessary.

Yesterday, as he stated his case, he engaged in some fence-sitting. His broad philosophy was clear: "The Labour party must produce policies which convince voters that their own prosperity depends on a government which takes active responsi-



He underlined his strong support for Europe and promised to modernise the constitution with a Bill of Rights and a full examination of electoral reform. He backed devolution. Pressed for his opinion on proportional representation, he said that it would be wrong for him to indicate a strong personal view, because it might have the wrong influence on the

On the union block vote, he said that he understood the feelings of some about its "inappropriateness" but there should be careful study and examination. On the reasons why Labour lost the election, it would be premature to come to conclusions before a full analysis, he said.

There was firmness as he ruled out a political realign-ment involving an arrangement with the Liberal Democrats. "I do not think electoral pacts work. Political parties do not own votes."

There was irritation at suggestions that he would win the leadership because of a union "stitch-up". He said 60 per cent of the votes in the contest went to MPs and party members. He urged every constituency party to ballot its members and the unions to consult widely, using ballots wherever possible.



John Smith: "I do not think electoral pacts work"



Bryan Gould: "We must set out to win new constituencies of support"

### Radical has an eye on more reform

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

BRYAN Gould presented himself yesterday as the radical candidate who would seek to reach those voters the party has failed to impress so far.

He said that he would stand for the leadership and deputy leadership and questioned the speed at which the contest was being staged. The party had hard thinking to do and needed a period of serious milestics between the stage of the party had hard thinking to do and needed a period of serious milestics. ous reflection about what he called its grievous defeat.

He insisted on the need for hard decisions, for challenging pre-conceived ideas and for changing much more than the face at the top. "If Labour is to win the next election we must consciously set out to win new constituenset out to win new constitueincies of support," Mr Gould said. "If that requires a radical rethinking of some of our policies, so be it."

In what seemed to be an oblique criticism of the election effort of Labour's Treasury team, he said: "We must be seen to have an economic policy as well as a tax policy. We must emphasise wealth creation and investment ... we must tackle the issue of redistribution by involving more people as wealth pro-ducers rather than simply as benefit recipients and provide them with new rights as

Mr Gould made clear that a Labour party under his leadership would open up de-bate about the rate at which Britain had entered the exchange-rate mechanism and signalled his willingness to consider revising the exchange rate for the pound.

A Labour party led by Bry-an Gould would never be short of ideas or style. But with his hands on the driving wheel it would be a bumpier ride for the Labour party than under John Smith. Mr Gould evitomises the cordless telephone socialism of the Kinnock years. He is radical thinker from the soft left of the Labour party, a one-time unilateralist and a Euro-sceptic since his days as parlia-mentary secretary to the antimarketeer Peter Shore.

He was one of the prime movers behind the two-year policy review, and occasionalsuffered in the party for

### BRYAN GOULD

pioneering new policy lines before the party leadership or the activists were ready to take them on board.

Although Mr Gould's instincts are more radical than those of Mr Smith he does have, as one of Labour's few members in the South, a sensitivity to the aspirations of the more affluent skilled workers whom Labour has to win back to have a chance of winning the next election. He is a realist, telling Jonathan Dimbleby in an On the Record interview on Sunday: "I think that the British people, left to their own devices in most circumstances, will go for the pocketbook issues. If we choose to fight on those issues the chances are that in the last 48 hours of a campaign the tabloids will

turn the tables on us." As a Rhodes scholar at Balliol, Oxford, in the early sixties he was horrified and radicalised by what he per-ceived as the class nature of British society and by what he regarded as manipulations by the City to frustrate the result of Labour's election in 1964.

A former number two Treasury spokesman and shadow trade secretary, he is happy with facts and figures as well as with party polemics and won plaudits from Tories as well as Labour for his mastery in 1986.

He is no hair-shirt socialist but a man with two homes and a good nose for burgundy. He has been the epitome of the new more glamorous and outward-looking red rose

Labour party. He has regularly secured a high vote in shadow cabinet elections since 1986 and has been elected to Labour's national executive since 1987.

### Hayes, west London, had been given 15 months by Croydon crown court.

Inquest into

election death An inquest into the death of a Labour party activist who fell 80ft from a railway viaduct within hours of the Tories winning the election was adjourned yesterday. The body of Mark Kettley, 28, vice-chairman of the Paddock district party, was discovered on Friday afternoon on the banks of the Colne. West

Yorkshire. James Turnbull, the coroner, was told that Mr Kettley. a single man whose life re-volved around the Labour party, had walked out of a celebration marking the return Barry Sheerman, Huddersfield's Labour MP, when it became apparent that the Conservatives would win.

### Manx tax will stay at 15%

Standard income tax on the Isle of Man is to stay at 15 per cent. Donald Gelling, the Manx treasury minister, told the Tynwald yesterday. The top rate, applying after the first £8.000 of taxable income and to companies, remains at

more businesses include cutting the maximum fees for company registration from £50,000 to £5,000, extra funding for industry and a 10 per cent rebate on employers' national insurance contributions. The Manx unemployment rate is under 4 per cent.

### Milk rethink

The Milk Marketing Board yesterday bowed to commercial and political pressure and formally proposed turning itself into a voluntary dairy farmers' co-operative, relinquishing its 59-year-old monopoly of the purchase and sale of milk in England and Wales. The board handles milk from 30,000 producers and has an annual turnover of more than £2

### Howerd home

The comedian Frankie Howerd, 70, yesterday left the Harley Street Clinic in London where he has spent the past two weeks being treated for a heart condition. He thanked well-wishers for the many gifts and messages of support he had received and said: "I am now looking forward to a couple of months rest before getting back to work, so the best of Easter titters to you all."

CORRECTION The reference in The Times yesterday to the Duke of Windsor being posted to Bermuda as governor during the war was incorrect. He was

### EASTER WEATHER

sent to the Bahamas.

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good toy shops.

### RULES OF THE CONTEST

By Philip Webster CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership contest will be the third to be staged under the party's complex electoral college rules, introduced in the wake of the party's 1979 election defeat. Neil Kinnock was elected under them in 1983, and again in 1988 when Tony Benn challenged him.

The system gives 40 per cent of the votes to the trade unions and 30 per cent each to the constituency parties and the MPs. Under a rule change pushed through by Mr Kinnock during the last parliament to prevent frivolous or weakly-backed challenges, any contender now has to secure the nominations of 20 per cent of the parliamentary party - 55 MPs since last Thursday.

After yesterday's NEC decision to stage the contest on July 18 it is expected that candidates will have until April 29 to get this backing. Thereafter constituency parties all over the country, and union branches in the unions that decide to stage them, will be holding ballots. The decision means that Mr Kinnock and Roy Hattersley have three weeks longer in their jobs than they would have

### BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT THE leaders of Britain's seclays to the process of choosing a new Labour leader. Mr Jordan and Mr Laird

Union drops selection ballot

ond-largest trade union, the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, broke with tradition yesterday and decided not to ballot their one million members over the Labour leadership contest.

Bill Jordan, union president, and Gavin Laird, general secretary, promised the widest possible consultation with members, but gave personal endorsements to John Smith. Mr Jordan said that the union had no money for a ballot because it had spent its political fund on helping Labour in the general election. Mr Laird said that a ballot would have cost £110,000 and would add damaging de-

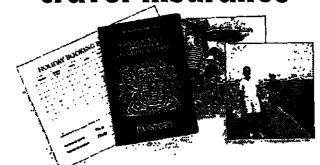
will therefore have an important role in deciding who leads Labour, although both support reforms that would reduce union influence on the party. Before merging with the EETPU electrical union earlier this year, the AEU engineering union used polls of members to decide its stance on Labour leadership

Labour's electoral college system gives 40 per cent of votes in the leadership selection to unions. These are divided according to the number of members in each union who pay a political affiliation fee. The parliamentary Labour party and the party membership each have 30 per cent. Because of its size, the AEEU is likely to control almost 5 per cent of

The Transport and General Workers' Union, Britain's cent. A spokesman said that it was awaiting guidance from Labour before deciding whether to ballot members, consult them or leave a decision to the executive. John Edmonds, general

secretary of the GMB general union, with 4.9 per cent of the vote, will give personal backing to Mr Smith. The union will today announce a ballot.

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### Viability of new channel in doubt

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

THE viability of Channel 5. Britain's fifth terrestrial television channel, was thrown into doubt yesterday when the Independent Television Commission, inviting bids for the new channel, said it could not guarantee that it would be launched.

At least three million video recorders will suffer interference from Channel 5, and unless the ITC is assured that a bidder possesses a viable plan for retuning all af-fected recorders within 21 days after a request is made, it will not award a licence.

Channel 5, which must be on the air no later than the end of 1994 after being awarded to the highest cash bidder this November, could be run as a network of city television stations or as a single national entertainment channel.

Hopes that it will offer a real alternative to the BBC, ITV and Channel 4 could be dashed by the blind bidding system and a clause in the 1990 broadcasting act preventing the ITC from invoking the quality threshold to award Channel 5 to a bidder planning city "opt-outs" --simultaneous but different broadcasts in different cities. Instead, broadcasters believe that it will become a cheaper. downmarket entertainment channel showing repeats and

acquired material The ITC said yesterday that only 30 per cent of Channel 5's output need be originally produced, but rising to 55 per cent by 2001. The channel will cover only 74 per cent of the population, missing out much of the South of England with the exception of London and Southampton.
The ITC said that Channel 5 must offer "programmes of high quality that appeal to a wide variety of tastes and interests". Programme guidelines, however, are much less strict than those governing ITV, with only news, current affairs, children's and religious pro-gramming classified as a mandatory requirement.

A network of city stations

beginning with London and followed soon after by Manchester, each broadcast ing two to three hours of local news plus a national proamme of music and films, is planned by Five TV, a consortium led by the Canadian broadcaster Moses Znaimer. Thames Television, a loser in last autumn's ITV auction. is likely to join Five TV along with Time Warner, the world's largest media group.

Silvio Bertusconi, the Italian media mogul, promises a national channel of highquality entertainment. Programmes would be supplied by Channel X, the independent run by Jonathan Ross, the chat show host, and Mike Bolland, a former director of Channel 4. Signor Beriusconi's European channels are known for a cheap menu game shows, soaps and softcore pornography.
Yesterday, Mr Bolland

promised a "mix of hard news and personality-based current affairs, and quality entertainment-led evening schedules with strong emphasis on film and television drama produced in the UK". Other potential hidders include: Conrad Black, the Canadian owner of The Daily

Telegraph: TV-am, another ITV loser and CLT. the Luxembourg broadcaster.

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### **BBC** is 'plotting cuts in secret'

BY OUR MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC executives are preempting public debate on the future of the corporation by embarking on "secret plans" to significantly slim it down with market-oriented reforms, the broadcasting union. Bectu. said yesterday. Internal BBC reports leaked to the union show that the management is consider-

ing a number of radical measures. These include reliance on the independent sector for 40 per cent of television programmes instead of the 25 per cent quota required by law: privatising BBC Education and closing the Open University production centre at Milton Keynes; ending all union recognition and introducing personal contracts; leasing BBC1's airtime from 9am to 1 pm every weekday to commercial broadcasters; and axing 10,000 jobs by the time the BBC charter expires

The union also said that the BBC had commissioned a confidential study on how much extra revenue it could make if it allowed two minutes of advertising every hour on BBC1 and BBC2. The "bombshell document" showed that BBC revenues in 1996 could reach £3.52 billion if it took advertising, against the estimated £1.3 billion it would get from the licence fee.

Tony Lennon, the Bectu copresident, said that the changes going on behind closed doors were so radical that David Mellor, the national heritage secretary. would be presented with a 'sawn-off corporation" when considers the BBC's future. This must be the greatest act of deceit and treachery

against the public and the government," he said. The BBC said yesterday

that not all of the recommendations in the 15 internal "task force" reports commis-sioned by Sir Michael Checkland, the director-general, would necessarily be implemented. A spokesman said: "The reports do not mean the BBC is cutting back in advance of the debate over its future. They contain proposals which may or may not be included in the BBC's view of its future." Sir Michael wrote to BBC staff last week denying that a total of 10,000 jobs would

have been lost by 1996. However, the union said that 4.300 people had already been made redundant, and that further job cuts were an inevitable part of the Producer Choice reforms. Mr Lennon said: "Checkland has promised a lot of things, but let's see what the real story is

when he leaves." John Birt takes over from Sir Michael next April. Bectu yesterday began balloting its 14,000 members on

a one-day strike that would disrupt BBC radio and television programmes on May 15, five days before the boards of management and governors review the task force reports. Mr Lennon said that Bectu was also protesting against Producer Choice, an "internal market" scheme that will make all resource departments compete on price and quality with commercial rivals.

Mr Lennon said that many resource departments had been weighed down with big overheads, could not compete on price and faced closure.

Inquest into election death

Many Lowell

### Army target stalked by gunmen before killing

POLICE believe that the gunmen who murdered an army recruitment officer in Derby picked him out after keeping watch on the office where he

Sergeant Michael Newman, 34, a career soldier with the Royal Signals Regiment, was wearing civilian clothes when he was shot once in the head at close range in daylight as he crossed a car park in the city centre after leaving work at the combined Army and Navy Recruitment

Detectives think he was followed by two young men and that one fired a single shot from a handgun after saying something to attract the soldier's attention. They escaped in a car driven by a third man. A senior police officer said it was a carefully planned operation to kill and unarmed serving officer.

Sgt Newman died yester-day morning at the city's Der-byshire Royal Infirmary after an all night fight by surgeons to save his life. Joyce Newman, 58, his mother, and Elizabeth Broadhurst, 28, his girl friend, were at his side. Miss Broadhurst said at a

press conference yesterday: "What person could walk up to another human being and shoot them dead at point blank? They are not human

beings, they are animals."
Sgt Newman was separated from Dawn, his wife, with whom he had a daughter, Danielle, 8. Ms Broadhurst vas due to marry him when



Sgt Newman: all-nightfight to save his life

She and Mrs Newman were near to breaking down as they described Sgt Newman as a quiet man.

his divorce came through.

Ms Broadhurst said his death would achieve nothing towards resolving the Northern Ireland troubles. "I am so angry towards the people out there who have done this. We want them caught. They do not care about the devastation they leave behind. It does not enter their heads." Mrs Newman said: "I am

just numb. Why? It is all so unnecessary, isn't it, just taking life over and over again?" The Irish National Libera-

tion Army, the Republican paramilitary splinter group, claimed responsibility. Police began a nationwide search yesterday for the three-man gang. Don Dovaston, assis-tant chief constable of Derbyshire, said that Sgt Newman left the careers office in Main Centre, a busy shopping precinct, by a rear exit with another serviceman, also in civilian clothes.

They parted at an underpass leading to the Carrington Street car park, where the sergeant's red Volkswagen Jetta car was parked. It was believed that two men waiting for him followed him through the underpass into

the open air parking area.

Mr Dovaston said: "It appears from the limited information we have that a very brief conversation may have taken place, followed by one of the men discharging his gun into the sergeant's head at point blank range."
People ran to the soldier's

aid as he fell critically injured. The assailants ran a short distance to a gold-coloured Ford Granada car. It was abandoned a quarter of a mile away and three men were seen running away.

They were all wearing base-

ball hats and two may of been in their teens. The car was believed to have been sold locally some weeks earlier and is thought to have been seen parked in a residential area of Derby for several days. Sgt Newman was rushed to hos-



pital and put on a life support machine. Mr Dovaston said military staff such as Sgt Newman working in careers offices "are only people like ourselves. They are not armed in any way in these premises and they are not operational in any way. That is the tragedy of the whole thing."

Sgt Newman joined the army as a boy soldier in 1974. He served with the Royal Signals Regiment in Germany and Britain, but not in Northern Ireland, and worked mainly as a driver before joining the careers ser-vice in Nottingham two years ago. He moved to the new combined Army and Navy careers office in Derby ten days before he was

Major Bryan Downes, chief careers officer for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, who knew him, said: "It is quite horrendous. His fam-

ily is utterly shocked." Derbyshire police have appealed for more witnesses to the shooting and escape of the three men. They have been liaising with Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad and with other police forces in Britain, Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. A telephone hot line has been set up in Derby on 0332 290666.

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Under guard: the bungalow where the couple were arrested yesterday

### Police silent on arrests

POLICE refused to say last night whether the arrests yesterday of two people under the Prevention of Terrorism Act were connected with the IRA's weekend bomb attacks in London.

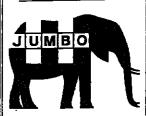
Neighbours said that they knew the couple as Audrey, who had lived at the bungalow in Northolt, west London. for about nine years, and Jimmy, who had been there for two years. Both were said to have Scottish accents.

The neighbours spoke of activity, sometimes late at night, outside the couple's home and of seeing two vans parked near by.

The arrests are said to have followed months of enquiries by anti-terrorist detectives, including surveillance opera-tions in the capital.



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**BLEASDALE'S FINEST HOUR** 



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### Breakaway group may be recruiting young activists

THE small Irish National Liberation Army, which yesterday admitted shooting Michael Newman, has frequently been written off as a serious security threat, especially in mainland Britain.

The group first earned no-toriety in 1979 with the booby-trap killing of Airey Neave, Conservative spokes-man for Northern Ireland, but by 1987 feuding had split the group into the INLA and the Irish People's Liberation

The IPLO has remained more active in Northern Ire-land, little has been heard of the INLA there, but obituary notices for this most unpredictable of republican groups have proved to be premature. Only last November it came close to assassinating Laurence Kennedy, leader of the Conservative Party in Northern Ireland.

Security sources in Northern Ireland decline to give any estimate of how many people are in the INLA, and it is thought unlikely that it numbers more than 20 activisis. Reports that two of the three men in the Derby killing appear to be teenagers suggest that it is still attracting young recruits and trying

Michael Horsnell and Peter Victor

report on the paramilitary group that even

the IRA regards as a wild maverick

1975 after the official IRA declared a ceasefire that angered many of its younger members. The group's ori-gins can also be linked to the formation in 1975 of the small Trotskyite Irish Repub-lican Socialist Party by Seamus Costello, a republican who was later murdered by rivals in Dublin.

In 1982 the INLA was responsible for the murder of 11 off-duty soldiers and six civilians with a 51b bomb that brought down the concrete roof of the crowded Droppin' Well Inn disco at Ballykelly. A year later it killed three worshippers in an attack on a church hall in co. Armagh, but by 1987 it appeared to fragment into murderous factions, culminating in the murder of Mary McGlinchey, 32, who was the supergrass trials in the late 1980s and although some were released on appeal the police had gained vital intelligence that has kept the group largely on the sidelines ever

The group has rarely struck year after Airey Neave's murder it admitted planting two bombs at an Army camp at Netheravon, Wiltshire, which injured two soldiers.

In November 1985, the INLA claimed it had planted the two 40lb bombs, packed with iron bolts and nuts, which were discovered and defused outside Chelsea Barracks in London. Police sources described the weapons as crudely designed and doubted the group had the capability to mount a sustained campaign on the mainland. A year later, Pat-rick McLaughlin was sentenced to life for the bomb

The INLA has always been regarded as rather more wild and reckless than the Provisional IRA, which has long regarded the group as a

block hunger strikes, when two INLA members were

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### threat to its own security. The groups were briefly united during the 1981 H wife of an INLA founderto get itself back on the map. The INLA was formed in Many of the INLA's members were jailed during the among the ten who died. Glaziers find a silver lining By LIN JENKINS

poured into the City of London at first light yester-day to begin repairing the 200 buildings damaged by the IRA bomb.

With acres of glass to be replaced almost every glaz-ing firm in the South-East has been working day and night since the police first gave the all clear to enter some of the buildings on

Friday night.
David Cummings, general manager of Express Glaz-ing Contractors, which is working on the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank, said: It was all very political over the weekend with people

THOUSANDS of workmen saying they would reopen on Monday regardless and that we must be seen to beat the terrorists. There was enormous pressure to board up the buildings and make them secure so the police could reopen the roads and keep conjestion to a mini-

> acle that it happened." He said his company would begin on Friday to replace the building's distinctive green anti-sun glass, a task which would take 18 people about nine weeks. "The glazing industry was on its knees in November-December so it's definitely been a shot in the

mum. It was a minor mir-

arm, but it is not a desirable way to make money. It leaves a bad taste." He said maintenance contracts prevented profiteering.

Michael Weston-Smith. managing director of Birmingham Guild, which has just bought from the receiver the glazing firm which worked on the NatWest building, believes the unexpected work will save many small firms.

The adversarial nature of the contruction industry at the moment is horrendous and a number of subcontractors have gone out of work will help many.'

### Solicitors breach Bar monopoly of higher courts

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

ADVOCACY in the higher courts, previously a monopoly of the Bar, is to be opened to solicitors in private practice after a report published yesterday by a committee advis-

ing the Lord Chancellor. However, solicitors em-ployed by the Crown Prosecution Service, the government legal service, local authorities and industry and employed barristers have failed in their attempt to be allowed rights of audience in the higher

The 16-member committee of lawyers and laymen ap-pointed by Lord Mackay of Clashfern said that it doubted whether employed lawyers could demonstrate the necessary objectivity required in higher courts.

It also said that granting even limited rights of audience to the Crown Prosecution Service could lead to a state monopoly of prosecu-tion advocacy. The Bar and senior members of the judiciary have fought the service's attempt to be allowed rights of audience limited to cases up to three days in length.

The committee, however, offered the service hope that it could eventually be given a limited extension of its rights of audience. It said it was attracted to a mixed system in which most crown court cases were prosecuted by independent advocates but with the option for the CPS prosecuting a limited number of less serious cases. It suggested that once the CPS had overcome its initial manpower. resourcing and organisational difficulties, it could take on the additional responsibilities of providing advocacy work in the higher courts. Any limited extension of its rights of audience would have to be accompanied by machinery to prevent the dev-

elopment of a Crown Pro-

secution Service monopoly of

crown court prosecution. Lord Griffiths, the law lord who chairs the advisory committee, said there had been a radical change in government thinking since 1983. when ministers accepted that the Bar should maintain sole rights of audience in the higher courts. "I don't blame the Bar for defending their patch but we did not wholly accept

their points on a number of

matters," he said. He said that extending rights of audience to solicitors would enable clients to be represented in the higher courts by the lawyer with whom they felt "most comfortable". But Lord Griffiths said that having one advocate to both prepare and present a case might not necessarily be cheaper as barristers often had much lower overheads than solicitors.

The committee backed part of a Law Society application for solicitors to have full rights of audience in the higher courts. Solicitors in private practice with at least three years' experience, special

training and qualifications are to be allowed to present cases in the higher courts in **England and Wales** 

Brushing aside objections from barristers, the committee said that the Bar's "cab rank" rule, under which barristers are supposed to take work on a first-come firstserved basis, should not be imposed on solicitors. Nor are they to be subject to the rule which requires barristers to accept a legal aid brief

regardless of the pay.

The Bar criticised the cabrank exception and the amount of training in advocacy offered to solicitors. "The committee would allow solicitors practising relatively in-frequently in the lower courts to obtain full rights of audience after an advocacy course over what amounts to an extended weekend," Gareth Williams, chairman of the Bar, said. The Bar had suggested a four-month course followed by a four-month period of tutelage.

The committee has been considering which lawyers should be allowed into which courts for a year and as a result of yesterday's report the Law Society will revise its rules before deciding whether to submit its application to the Lord Chancellor. The dilemma facing the Law Society is whether to abandon its attempt to get rights of audience for employed solicitors.

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Lord Griffiths: accepts that Bar had to try to "defend its patch"

### British diet lacks healthy balance

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A SURVEY of 100 scientific reports on diet published between 1961 and 1991 shows that British governments have failed to translate scientific conclusions into policy. the Consumers' Association

The British diet is a public health problem that requires urgent action, according to a report written for the association by the food writer Geof-

He says that the British diet has become unbalanced and unhealthy in spite of growing consensus among dieticians about what a healthy diet comprises. The government and opposition parties should devise progressive agriculture and food policies based on good science, with public health as the first priority.

Mr Cannon's report concedes that some experts do not agree that the diet is unhealthy, but indicates that they are a minority. The "general agreement" he extracted from the 100 reports can be summarised as saying that Britons eat too much fat, particularly hard, saturated fat, too much sugar and salt, and not enough fibre.

A healthy diet is, he says. rich in vegetables and fruit, bread, cereals, and other starchy food, and includes fish and moderate amounts of lean meat and low-fat dairy produce.

Food and Health: The Experts Agree (Consumers's Association, PO Box 44, Hertford X, SG14 1SH; £29.95)

### Childhood cancer study launched

A NATIONWIDE study to discover whether childhood cancers can be inherited was launched yesterday in London. The three-year project also aims to find out whether radiation or drug treatments harm the reproductive cells.

Doctors plan to monitor 5,000 people born before 1969 who surrived childhood cancer. The risk of a second cancer developing in patients previously treated for the disease when they were young will also be examined in the study, funded by the Cancer Research Campaign.

Questionnaires are being sent to hospital consultants and GPs. Dr Mike Hawkins. of the Childhood Cancer Research Group at Oxford University, the research team leader. said: "Although based on limited data the results so far are reassuring for survivors and their

offspring. More than 70 per cent of children survive the most common form of leukaemia, and more than half of those treated for childhood cancer in Britain live for more than five years.

### £748,400 sale

An album of previously unknown drawings by the Swiss artist Henry Fuseli fetched £748,440 at action yesterday at Christie's in London. Many of the works, which covered the artist's career in Rome and London, were bought by museums and private collectors from Switzer-land and Germany. The top price of E55,000 was for a study of "The Massacre of the Innocents".

### Russian visit

Cardinal Basil Hume is to visit Russia next week at the invitation of Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz. ap-ostolic administrator for Roman Catholics in European Russia. The six-day visit. which begins on Monday, is thought to be the first by an Archbishop of Westminster. Cardinal Hume said: "I am delighted to be making my first visit to Russia at such a time of new beginnings."

### £7m boat deals

CONTRACTS worth £7 million for the construction of two Customs and Excise sea patrol vessels have been won by Vosper Thornycroft (UK), of Southampton, and Babcock Thorn, of Royal Rosyth dockyard. Customs and Ex cise said that the cutters would carry advanced surveillance equipment to help in the battle against drug smug-glers using small craft to land

### Transplant wait

halted by the outbreak of a highly infectious bacteria that closed the intensive care unit and contributed to the death of a patient. Keith Day, the hospital's administrative director, said that he hoped that the intensive care unit would

### Six years for toothpaste blackmailer

A WAITER was jailed for six stances" to look like tooth-years yesterday for threaten-ing to poison tubes of Colgate stances to look like tooth-paste and had injected it into tubes of Colgate. If the coming to poison tubes of Colgate toothpaste unless the company handed over £170,000. Antonio Quintas was caught after the company and police

set a trap for him.

Quintas, 37, of Portslade-by-Sea, East Sussex, and an accomplice wrote a series of blackmail letters, signed Laurel and Hardy, to the headquarters of Colgate Palmolive in Guildford, Surrey. They claimed that they had mixed two "highly poisonous sub-

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pany did not pay up, the tubes would be planted on shelves and a newspaper would be informed, Simon Wild, for the prosecution, told the Central Criminal Court, London.

Quintas admitted blackmail. His accomplice, whom he said he knew only as James, has not been found. The pair's first letter, last

December, told the company to lower the flag outside its offices if it agreed to comply with the demands and not to tell police. Colgate Palmolive went to the police and a joint decision was taken not to do anything, so the flag remained at the top of the mast. Just before Christmas. another threat was sent and. on police advice, the company

lowered the flag. A policeman posing as a company employee was givtelephoned instructions from a man with an Asiansounding voice, not Quintas. The final letter instructed the company to send an employ-

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telephone box. The same voice told him to go to a lay-by on the M25. He followed further messages until he found a checked bag behind a crash barrier on the M23 near Gatwick.

The policeman left £10,000 in the bag before driving off. His colleagues arrested Quintas as he emerged from some trees and began pulling the bag towards him. He burst into tears and said: "I know I shouldn't have done

### **Doctors** dismissive of allergy therapies

By NIGEL HAWKES

FALSE and misleading claims about treatments for allergies can cause serious harm and can delay proper treatment, a report from the Royal College of Physicians

pies offered for the treatthe committee that prepared the report. Other therapies have yet to prove their worth in proper controlled trials, Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, college president, said. Many conventional tests and the therapies were effective was to subject them all to the same careful exami-

nation, she said. Supporters of alternative therapies objected to the report. The British Society for Nutritional Medicine accused the college of "scientific misconduct" and said that the report lacked objectivity, integrity and comprehen-siveness. "It is a consensus statement by a group of self-selected academics, independent of available data, that does not serve the interests of patients well." a statement by doctors Stephen Davies and Damien Downing on be-

half of the society said.
Professor Barry Kay, of the
Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Institute, a member of the committee, said that several methods of diagnosis and treatment offered by allergy clinics had not been validated, but he declined to recommend that people should avoid them.
"The ultimate decision is the patient's. We are not making didactic recommendations.

The committee's report says that claims for acupuncture are "not based on re-sults of well-performed clinical trials". The report is dismissive of homoeopathy ("no adequate evidence"), clinical ecology ("inadequate evidence"), ionisation ("need for proper trials") and the technique known as enzyme potentiated desentisation "not substantiated"). The commitee makes clear that these criticisms are made only in the context of allergy, and not for other conditions that may be treated by these

techniques. The danger of unconven-tional therapies, the committee concludes, is that potentially serious problems can be missed. "By recommending unhealthy diets, reinforcing obsessional behaviour or encouraging social isolation, considerably more harm can be caused." the report says. Vulnerable people should be warned that some laboratories and practitioners use controversial procedures.

### **Brain monitors will** keep pilots alert

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT. AIR CORRESPONDENT

CIVILIAN pilots could soon be wearing helmets containing electrodes to monitor their brain patterns and to warn them if they are falling asleep or failing to respond to emergency signals.

The monitoring system is being developed by British Aerospace and the Cranfield Smyth, of British Aerospace, e the way in which d

at the instruments, the seminar was told.

However, experts from Boeing, Nasa and Aerospatiale said that future flight decks would probably be little different from present ones and much would still depend on the flight crew, in spite of technology allowing more

maceutical and seed complunder plants in the developing world, an international conference in London was told yesterday. Henk Hobbelink, a Dutch

agronomist and founder of the charity Genetic Resources Action International, based in Barcelona, Spain, said that such companies had recognised the need for not only collecting genetically unique plants but also acquiring centuriesold cultivation knowledge of local people.

"They do not just send biologists when they go to the local villages, but also anthropologists, Mr Hob-belink said. "This means they bring back the seeds and all the valuable local farming knowledge."

Such genetic expeditions. for agriculturally and medicinally promising plants. were helping to increase the profits of the multinationals while forming the base for the growth of the biotechnology, industry, which sought to add new genes to crops to create strains with novel and

profitable properties.

Mr Hobbelink, speaking at Gene Traders, a two-day conference, said that most of the globe's genetic diversity was in the developing world, where farmers continue to

The West is accused of failing to play fair over developing nations' farming skills, reports Nick Nuttall

develop crop strains to meet harsh conditions.

For example, the world's coffee crop, based on a singie plant taken from east Africa several centuries ago, was kept healthy by occa-sional infusions of coffee strains from Ethiopia. In Turkana, nonhern Kenya, nomads had developed a variety of crops to suit their needs and unique ecological niches, including a variety of sorghum that grew in hollows and matured in 62 days

after a single rainfall.

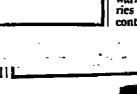
Mr Hobbelink said that some multinationals compensated local people properly and also gave developing countries royalties on new crops or drugs developed. These payments could help to conserve plants, cultures and local farming practices that promoted genetic diversity of plant spe-cies, which would, in turn, assist the vitality of the devel-

oped world's agriculture. In general, however, it is a rip-off for local people, with companies paying pea-

with studies showing that the contribution of wheat genes, originally from the developing world, to the health and productivity of the American crop alone amounted to over \$3 billion

(£1.7 billion) a year. The conference, staged by Intermediate Technology, a charity whose patron is the Prince of Wales, and the New Economics Foundation, comes in the run-up to the Earth Summit of the UN Conference on Environment and Development, in Brazil, in June. It has brought together agricultural experts, relief agencies and representatives of developing na-tions, and comes during multilateral negotiation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

Dorothy Myers, of Oxfarn, said that the outcome of the Gatt and the summit would be crucial for the developing world and the maintenance of diversity of plant species. In the Gatt talks, developed nations hope to get support for patenting novel life forms made by genetic engineering. Such patents will make it hard for farmers in the developing world to freely re-sow seeds carrying patented genetic material originally from their



Institute of Technology. Alan automation "What will continue to play a stabilising role is the faith Of the alternative theratold a Guild of Air Pilots and and trust that the flying pubment of allergies, only hyp-nosis, acupuncture or herbal medicines get even half-hearted endorsement from Navigators seminar in Lonlic places in those who pilot don yesterday that it could rcial airpianes and their insistence that they lots used their instruments. "It is based on the fact that would prefer to place themthe brain's electrical activity selves in the hand of a human rather than a machine," Curchanges in response to tis Graeber, of the Boeing events," he said. Two elec-trodes attached to the pilot's hat would monitor where he cargoes in Britain. flight deck research department, said. was looking and whether he "The aviation industry in Adult liver transplants at Addenbrooke's Hospital, in Cambridge, might be re-sumed next week after being treatments were also "not as scientifically proven as they should be". The only way to be sure that the diagnostic was responding to signals. the 21 st century will find itself "Onset of the patterns associdepending more, not less on ated with low arousal and the flight crew. Humans possess unique capabilities that provide distinct advantages sleep could then be used to trigger alerts to the crew," he said. for airlines in a competitive, high-technology environ-In another development, aircraft, particularly super-sonic jets, would have instrument. They are extremely flexible, intelligent and motiments displayed by hologram on the windshield enabling the pilot to keep his head up vated and they rarely require a mechanic." Air show, page 15 be reopened by the weekend. rather than have to look down Drug companies accused of cheating the Third World MULTINATIONAL pharnuts ... a few hundreds of pounds," Mr Hobbelink panies are using increas-ingly sophisticated tactics to said. He contrasted that

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By John O'Leary, Education correspondent DELEGATES to a teachers'

union conference yesterday said that coursework for GCSE and A level was damaging standards and encouraging cheating.

Disagreement over the role of coursework split the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association as one delegate disclosed that three GCSE candidates had escaped penalty for "slavishly" copying a project from a classmate.

Jeremy Cole, a mathematics teacher from Northamp-tonshire, said that the Midlands Examining Group had taken no action when the three pupils were reported. They and the pupil they had copied from had been award-

ed the same grades. Linden Adams, a member of the association's executive and an English teacher whose GCSE pupils are assessed entirely through coursework, opposed limits on the proportion of coursework counting towards the qualification. She said that two or three pupils in every class were saved from failure by being able to do their best

work without pressure. The association, meeting at Solihull, West Midlands, eventually supported the principle of coursework, pro-viding it accounted for a mi-nority of marks. Ministers have approved limits on the amount of non-examination work counting towards

GCSE. The School Examinations and Assessment Council has proposed similar restrictions for A level.

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**Teachers criticise** 

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Miss Adams said that fewer than 100 out of one million entries were scrutinised by GCSE examination boards for malpractice. Mr Cole said that his school had written a second time to question the examining group's decision on the pupils who had copied their project. The work accounted for 7.5 per cent of the

marks in mathematics.
The examining group denied receiving correspon-dence from the school. It said coursework was processed only if authenticated by a teacher as a pupil's own work.

Roy Nettleship, of Wilford Meadows Comprehensive, Nottingham, said that some teachers were correcting spelling and punctuation. and even redrafting pupils' work. Candidates were being awarded grades that they could not achieve in examinations. John Douglas, who has

taught for 36 years at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, said: "Coursework is ideological nonsense and one of the most divisive developments to hit us in education over the last few years. It has caused the abandonment of high standards." Children of "interested and pushy" parents were bound to produce better



Mournful notes: Madeleine Mitchell yesterday rehearsing Quadruple Elegy at the Amadeus Centre, west London, prior to its world première at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tomorrow. The concerto, by Piers Hellawell, recalls the deaths of ordinary people during the recent upheavals in eastern Europe

### Enquiry called into freeing of knife man

A MAN freed from a secure hospital in 1990 was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for the attempted murder of a social worker. The judge ordered an enquiry into why the man was freed.

Frank Snowden, 51, of Cottingley, West Yorkshire, was held in Rampton hospi tal, Nottinghamshire, for 17 years after trying to murder his three-month-old son. He was freed after doctors believed that he was cured.

Leeds crown court was told. Mr Justice Ognali said medical reports showed that Snowden was untreatable. 'Public interest requires a scrupulous investigation into the circumstances leading to the release of this man."

Snowden, who admitted attempted murder, stabbed Linda Atkins in the shoulder last November, and severed tendons on her fingers. Peter Hunt, for the prosecution, said. Snowden thought that he was not being given the right help at a therapy group. Malcolm Swift, QC, for the

defence, said that Snowden was unable to cope with life in the outside world.

### Russianvic **Family** awarded £108,000

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THE family of a woman crushed to death under a lorry as she pushed her baby over a pedestrian crossing was awarded £108,749 damages at the High Court in London yesterday.

Saramma Sherratt, 38, died of multiple injuries 20 minutes after the accident in Watford, Hertfordshire, in November 1988. Her minemonth-old daughter, Susan, was unharmed. Her husband, John, now 41, gave up his sales job to look after Susan and her sister Sharon, now eight.

Mr Justice Owen ruled that the driver, Roy Cook, and the lorry's owner, Goodyear Great Britain, which accepted vicarious responsibility for Mr Cook's actions, were to blame for the accident. They

had both denied negligence. If Mr Cook, an experienced driver with a good record. had exercised proper care, he would have seen Mrs Sherratt, the judge said. He ruled that the victim had not

been negligent.
Judgment, with costs, was given against Mr Cook, of Borehamwood, Herrfordshire, and the company, of Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

### **Opting out** defeat conceded

THE leader of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association yesterday dropped his opposition to grant-maintained schools but warned the government against using them to revive selection at age

Peter Smith, general secretary, said that his union's original reservations about opting out, which were practical rather than political, stood. "There has to be a very real risk that we will end up with a two-tier system."

Teachers' unions would be foolish to "Siberianise" themselves, however, because they did not like the election result. Mr Smith told a news conference at the association's annual conference. Many ballots on opting out would be conducted in the next few weeks, and grant-maintained schools could no longer be considered a "politically re-versible gimmick".

Mr Smith appealed for consultation on the funding and organisation of an en-larged grant-maintained sec-tor. He favoured the establishment of a funding council, which is under consideration at the education department.

11 (John O'Leary writes).

### Power firm gives crows the push

By Kerry Gill

THE hooded crows that make their homes on the northern Orkney islands, where trees are few and far between, have run into new problems in their search for nesting sites — sticky gel and plastic spikes.

For years, islanders have had to put up with power cuts in April and May caused by crows nesting on electricity poles. Yesterday Hydro-Electric, which covers northern Scotland, sent out workers to apply sticky gel and strips of plastic spikes to the tops of poles to try to deter the birds. Power was cut off to more than 1,000 homes while work was underway.

The hooded crow, or hoodie, builds its nest from anything it can find twigs, plastic, nails, tin cans, barbed wires and other scrap metal. The nests can be so big that they hide the electrical equipment. The power cuts result from damage caused mainly by the scrap metal.

Hydro-Electric said that during the nesting season it was spending about £2.000 a week fixing power cuts or shooing birds away. The crows would argue that. since the islands are largely devoid of trees, they have nowhere eise to nest.

being tested by Hydro- exasperated Orkney Electric is "hot foot gel", a islanders.

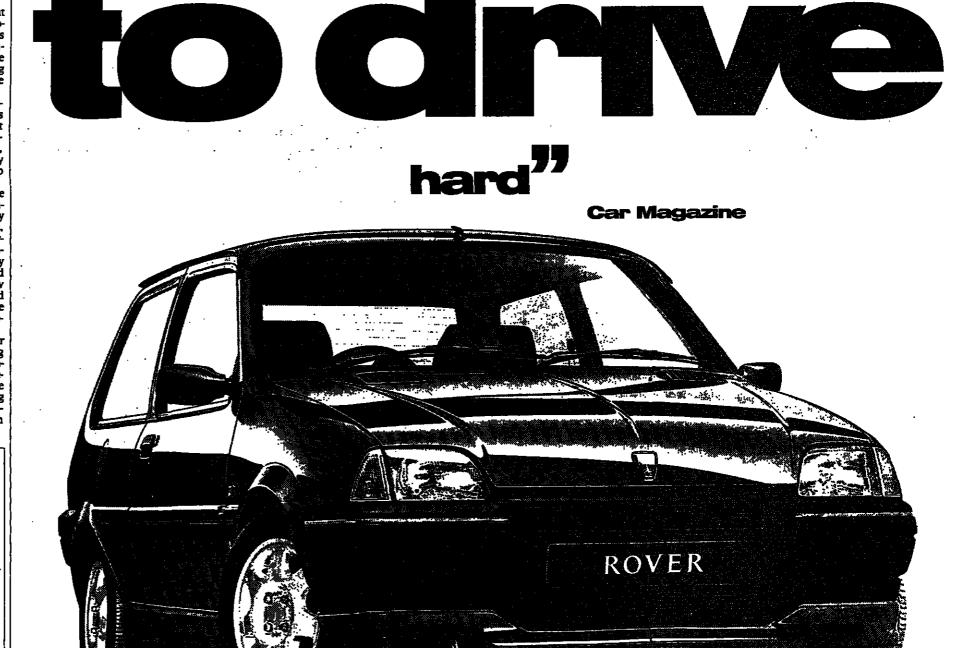


Cut off: the hooded crow, or hoodie

sticky substance that is painted on top of transformers. "When the crow lands, it has a sinking feeling and hopefully flies off," Hydro-Electric said. "This is the first time we have used it." The results will be assessed in mid-June. The company also hopes

that the plastic spikes on top of poles will stop crows from landing. Another solution may be to put up dummy poles close to real ones to try to hoodwink the birds. Hydro-Electric is also devising a type of insulated rod that can remove nests while the line is live. That is thought likely to be the most effective solution.

The "hoodie" or "corbie" is closely related to the carrion crow and feeds off grouse chicks and partridges. Courtship rituals include a 15ft leap into the air and an attractive bow with wings and tail outstretched during courtship Among the deterrents - an elegant habit lost on



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Whins House of Commons Parliamentary Secretary. Treasury (Government The names of the other whips will be announced later today.

The prime minister receives a salary of £76.234. The Lord Chancellor receives £106,750 and the Lord Privy Seal £50,558

Richard Ryder

Other Cabinet ministers receive £63.047. In the Commons. ministers of state receive £51.402 and under secretaries £44.611. The Attorney-general receives £65.541 and the Solicitor-general £57.922. The chief whip receives £56.369, the deputy £51,402, and all other government whips receive In the Lords, Cabinet ministers receive £50,558. Ministers of

state receive £44,945 and under secretaries £37,689. The chief whip receives £44,945, the deputy £37,689 and other whips £33,982. The Lord Advocate receives £50,638.

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### Major rewards talent from all sides of the party



Nicholas Soames, a grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, joins the department where his father, the late Lord Soames, was minister in the

After stints as a parliamentary private secretary, it looked as though his chance for promotion had passed after nearly nine years in the Commons. It had seemed that, with his Edwardian appearance, loud socks and even louder laugh, Mr Soames was too much of a card for government. His appointment will be very popular in the Commons, since he is no aristocratic dilettante but an assiduous attender

and participant. His immediate task when he appears at agriculture questions will be to be taken seriously as a minister rather than indulged as an amiable and jovial backbench character. He is likely to be a solid rather than sparkling per-former, one of the mainstays of the parliamentary party who can be counted upon for his loyalty in a crisis.



Michael Mates's entry into the government at the age of 57 is a reward for the Hampshire East MP's long-standing support for Michael Heseltine. During the former defence secretary's wilderness years, Mr Mates remained one of his most loval disciples. He came into his own in the summer of 1990, assiduously canvassed support for his champion.

Mr Mates was not at hand for the denouement. He was abroad when John Major decisively won the second ballot, prompting speculation that Mr Heseltine might have done better had his chief lieutenant been at hand. He was pursuing his other abiding Westminster interest, his chairmanship of the defence select committee. He was in the Gulf, enquiring into the readiness of British forces for the battle with Saddam Hus-

Mr Mates pursued a military career before entering Parliament in 1974, rising to lieutenant-colonel in the Queen's Dragoon Guards.



The omission of Nigel Forman, from successive ministerial shuffles over the past few years has surprised many at Westminster when several apparently less talented politicians have secured top posts. But after 16 years in the Commons, he has become an under-secretary at the education department.

A former parliamentary private secretary to Douglas Hurd and Nigel Lawson, he has been the intellectual in politics, with his own view on the issues of the day. He is a popular figure, although at times a loner, which may explain why he has had to

wait so long for promotion.

A One Nation Tory, Mr Forman, 49, was never identified with the wets and was seldom an open rebel. He has played a leading part in de-bates on economic policy, the environment and, most recently, on Western help for the new democracies in central Europe. He has lectured at Essex University and written about the workings of British politics.



Jonathan Aitken's promotion is very late recognition for one of the Tories' most talented but highly individualistic

At 49, he gets his first government post after years being studiously ignored by Margaret Thatcher. He has been highly critical of government secrecy and opposed Mrs Thatcher's cherished Channel tunnel project.

He first distinguished himself at a Tory party conference in the 1960s when, almost singlehanded, he appeared to swing representatives in favour of the leadership's Rhodesia policy.

A journalist, he was front

page news himself in 1971 when he was acquitted of charges under the Official Secrets Act for prompting an 'exclusive" story for the Sunday Telegraph about a secret government report on Biafra. He was a founder director

of TV-am and on one occasion Anna Ford, the television presenter, poured a glass of wine over him after she was sacked from the station.



Stephen Dorrell's career shows how youthful rebels become part of the

Aged 40, he has spent near-ly 13 years in the Commons and has climbed the ladder of preferment over three terms: up to 1983 as a prominent wet", defying the whips over immigration and economic policy; then four years as parliamentary private secretary to Peter Walker when he was energy secretary; and after the June 1987 election as a whip for three years and, after 1990, as under-secretary at

the health department. Initially, he was never quite taken seriously because of his youth and for a long time he was associated with Mr Walker rather than treated as an independent figure. Since 1987, he has demonstrated intelligence and determination, notably in recent de-

bates over the health service. While taking longer than his contemporaries to rise to the middle ranks of the government, he still has youth on



Michael Forsyth's escape from the Scottish Office gives one of the most Thatcherite of Iohn Major's junior ministers the chance to shine on the national stage.

Mr Forsyth, who clung onto his Stirling seat with a majority of 703, has had a bumpy ride since 1987. He fell out with Malcolm Rifkind, his centrist Scottish secretary, and with much of the Scottish Conservative party, only to be appointed its chairman by Margaret Thatcher.

Her thinking was that Scot-land, the part of the country that proved most resistant to her medicine, would benefit from a strong draught of the real thing. The result was a revolt of the Conservative lairds and the dismissal of Mr Forsyth after only a year in

Mr Forsyth, a graduate of St Andrews University, was a chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students in the mid-1970s and a member of Westminster council until 1983 and his election to the



John Redwood, aged 40, the new environment minister of state, epitomises intellectual Thatcherism in practice. He is the ultimate dry, both in views and style.

As an adviser, as a banker and as a minister, he has pressed for changes to spread property ownership, summed up in his book Popular Capi*talism*. A fellow of All Souls, he was involved in banking and writing about economic and industrial policy before heading Mrs Thatcher's poliunit in Downing Street

from 1983 to 1985. After entering the Commons for Wokingham in 1987, he was, within two years, made under-secretary for corporate affairs, responsible for the City in the department of trade and industry. He became a minister of state there in 1990 and has had a role in regulation of the City and proposals to widen share ownership. Although regarded as clever, he can seem cold, a man for government rather than the hustines.

### Sleeping children killed in house fire

I'wo sisters and their brother died when fire swept through their home as they slept in an upstairs room yesterday.

The children were Neesha Patel, 9. her sister. Neha. 8 months, and the girls' brother raised the alarm when the fire started in the sitting room of the house in Forest Gate, east London, as she cooked breakfast in the kitchen just after 6am. Her husband escaped through an upstairs window.

A fireman, Kevin Everett. 25, badly burned his neck. forearm and back while fighting the fire. His condition was said to be serious but stable.

London Fire Brigade said that the fire had damaged the house, the staircase and half the ground floor. Police said that they were not sure how it had started, but there were no suspicious circumstances.

### Hiker dies

Police are trying to trace a lorry driver who killed a French tourist aged 19 who was hitch-hiking on the hard shoulder of the M2 at Newington, near Sittingbourne, Kent, on Monday night. Officers believe that he was struck by a rigid lorry that had the curtains on its rear section drawn back.

### Shop challenge Broadland district council is

seeking a High Court injunction to stop the National Trust opening a gift shop and plant centre at Blickling Hall. Norfolk, on Sundays. It is sending 19 businesses writs alleg-ing illegal Sunday trading.

### Cruelty case

Magistrates adjourned for 14 days a case in which Jerry Farrell, 28, of Stafford, admitted cruelty to a captive gerbil said to have died when thrown into a deep fat fryer full of hot oil. Robert Chadwick, for the defence, said: "Certain aspects of the case need examining further."

### Search ends

An air-sea search for David Smith, 7, of Woolacombe, Devon, who was swept to sea from rocks near Barricaine beach in north Devon, on Monday was called off

### Rabies scare

A dog that jumped ship at Newport, Gwent, starting a rabies scare, has been declared healthy and returned to its owner, the captain of a Croatian freighter, three after impounded.

### Spire danger

The 225ft crooked spire of All Saints' Church, Hereford, is to be taken down and rebuilt straight because of the risk of crumbling masonry.

### Hard left fails to take NUS post BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION REPORTER

as mature and part-time stu-

A STRONG bid by the hard left for the presidency of the National Union of Students was narrowly defeated yesterday at the union's spring conference at Blackpool, as Liberal Democrat delegates threw in their lot with the official Labour candidate.

Lorna Fitzsimons, for Labour, was elected national president, defeating Janine Booth, the Left Unity candidate, by 437 votes to 383 in a contest resolved in the third round of a single transferable vote. Miss Booth was ahead in the second round after three candidates dropped out, but was defeated by the transfer of Liberal Democrat votes to Miss Fitzsimons on the final count Ian Pigg, a Liberal Democrat, was elected secretary, unseating the Labour incumbent by a small margin.

Miss Fitzsimons, 24, said that her election proved that the union was capable of responsible decision-making. 'It shows there is a future for the NUS. It shows that the students back reform and

they back honesty." She said that, as a dyslexic. she was well placed to appreciate the need to widen access to further and higher education for the disabled, as well dents, who were ill-served by

existine structures. She faces the difficult task of persuading John Patten, the new education secretary, not to impose individual membership upon the union, which is a federation of college unions and financed by their block payments. Student hardship will be high on her agenda.

Her election is an important victory for the reformist wing of the union, which will now push hard for decentralisation and a student consultative committee to negotiate directly with government funding councils. The brew of political and

educational issues under discussion at this week's conference has been familiar. South Africa, employment and training, abortion, and fascism. But the style of debate has changed as the traditional shrieking matches give way to a more efficient and orderly use of time.

Lewis Robinson, a Tory Reform Group delegate, said he hoped that Conservatives would be encouraged by the changes to return to the union. "Until we go back into the national union, we haven't any role to play



Close call: Lorna Fitzsimons, the NUS president

### **Aberdour** is broke, judge says

THE hospital charity swindler "Lady" Rosemary Aberdour no longer faces an increased prison sentence, now that a court has been told that she does not have money stashed away. The Central Criminal

Court was told yesterday that an international comman, named as Barry Edward Gray, had said that the bogus "Lady" Aberdour had funds overseas and was not penniless, as she had claimed. However, Mr Justice Leon-

ard, who had said that he would increase Aberdour's four-year sentence if he discovered that she did have money, said that he was satisfied that Mr Gray's allegations were untrue.

Brendan Finucane, who acted for the prosecution at Aberdour's trial, said that Mr Gray specialised in various "stings" in Britain and abroad. "He carefully researches his stories and picks up trivial details which give substance to his convoluted

and bogus stories," he said. Aberdour was jailed last month for stealing more than £2 million from the development foundation of the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, of which she was a deputy director.

### Village shops to receive rate cuts By Douglas Broom

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE viliage shop, long an endangered species, will be given new protection from the uniform business rate by a council in Hampshire. Test Valley borough council in Andover will reduce rate bills by up to four fifths to help rural shops and post

offices to stay in business during the recession. To qualify, shopkeepers will have to produce their accounts to prove that they are in financial difficulties and demonstrate their importance to the villages they

Other councils have granted rebates to small businesses suffering financial hard-ship but Test Valley is thought to be the first to introduce a scheme specifically designed to protect vil-lage shops. Guidelines issued by the council say that the scheme's main intention is to help general stores and sub-post offices that are the

only shops for people in iso-lated villages. Peter Giddings, the council treasurer, said: "The law allows us to grant rebates in cases of hardship but only if it is in the interest of the community charge payers at large. We consider that saving the only shop in a village from closure is in the interest

of charge payers in the Test Valley, where many villagers would find it impossible to travel to a town to go shopping." John Morgan, a Conserva-

tive councillor who supported the scheme, said that many village shops were being crippled by the busi-ness rate. We wanted to do something to help them and help people living in small viflages," he said.

At Wherwell, four miles outside Andover, Lydia Knight, who runs the village stores and post office with her burkend Paign in the said.

her husband Brian, is considering applying for a rebate. "I don't think we would qualify for the full 80 per cent but like everyone else we are finding that times are hard. We are the only shop in the village and everyone around here relies on us, especially the retired folk," she said.

As well as selling the daily necessities, the shop's post office counter pays pensions and child benefit and acts as the shop's for the shop's post of the shop's pensions.

the village bank. If it closed villagers without cars would have to use the two buses a day that go to Andover.

Last February the Federation of Small Businesses criticised councils for failing to help small companies in

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one cannot force a civilian airliner to land. The most that could be allowed would be to fire warning shots. But even an action of that kind would be decidedly embarrassing, not only for our pilots but also for the air force that would have to give such an order. Military aircraft cannot have confronta-

tions with civil airplanes."

Libya awaits ostracism FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN CAIRO LIBYANS will almost cer-Libya had earlier hoped that its two legal actions tainly find themselves ostracised and isolated by the against Britain and America world community when they at the International Court of wake up this morning. Uni-Justice in The Hague, might ted Nations-imposed air, help to undermine the threat trade and diplomatic sanc-tions against Tripoli were coming into effect in the early of global action. In both rulings, however, the judges vot-ed 11-5 against Tripoli and

hours of this morning be-

cause of its failure to surren-

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on Tripoli

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

DEFENCE planners in

Rome yesterday were study-ing how the Italian air force will enforce the air embargo

against Libyan aircraft. At

the same time the govern-ment increased diplomatic pressure on Libya to guaran-tee the security of its embas-

Abdurrahman Shaigam.

the head of the Libyan Peo-

ple's Bureau in Rome, was

summoned by Bruno Bottai.

the Italian foreign ministry secretary-general. He was

asked for assurances that the 1,500 Italians in Libya

In Tripoli, Giorgio Testori, the Italian ambassador, asked the Libyan foreign

ministry to reinforce the pol-

ice cordon around his embas-sy compound, which also

contains the small British-

interest section. According to

Italian newspapers, Signor Testori told Libyan officials: "We know that you organise

everything. We don't want

anything getting out of

The Italian defence minis-

try said it was examining how the Italian Air Force

would deal with enforcing

the embargo against any Lib yan civil aircraft that stray

into Italian air space.
"The greatest difficulty will be in using our fighter jets to make the embargo respect-

ed." a defence ministry offi-cial said. "International laws and norms on the intercep-

would be protected.

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upheld the security council's decision to punish Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libder two agents accused of the Lockerbie bombing. yan leader. With only hours to go be-fore the UN Security Council A compromise put forward by the Arab League, whereby deadline at midnight New York time (5am in Britain). the two Libyan agents ac-cused of blowing up Pan Am flight 103 would be handed neither Libya, its Western accusers nor the Arab League over to Malta, was also exintermediaries in the dispute pected to be turned down by America, Britain and France, who insist that the Libyan yesterday held out any chance of a last-minute diplomatic resolution to the dispute. leader is attempting to wriggle out of the demands set out

under security council resolution 731. The resolution demands that Libya should surrender the two suspects for trial either in Britain or the United States, and hand over to France four additional Libyan agents wanted for ques-tioning about the 1989 bombing of a UTA airliner over Niger. Under the followup resolution 748, all interna-tional air links will be cut with Libya, arms sales will be banned and Libyan diplomatic missions abroad will be

trimmed down, together with foreign embassies in Tripoli. In Tripoli and across the country yesterday Libyans were left in little doubt about the imminent confrontation as Colonel Gaddafi cut all communications and travel links with the outside world, in a day of self-imposed isolation marking the anniversary of the 1986 US air strike against Tripoli and Benghazi

which left 41 people dead. The move was seen as an attempt to win sympathy for Libya's case with fellow Muslim and Arab states, where anti-Western sentiment could be inflamed throughout the region if the showdown be-

comes a military conflict. Western officials, however have made clear that at this stage there are no plans to use force against Libya, and observers point out that the UN sanctions will have little serious effect on either Colonel Gaddafi's ability to run his regime or the functioning of the country's economy.



Gaddafi: ordered day of isolation for Libya

### **Detectives widen** Mandela enquiry

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

POLICE in South Africa have widened their investigation into activities by Winnie Mandela to include alleged kidnapping and theft.

Detectives already investigating the alleged involve-ment of the estranged wife of Nelson Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, in two murders say they are questioning residents of Soweto about two incidents in 1988, when three people are said to have been abducted and assaulted at her home. One of the victims later

disappeared. At Mrs Mandela's trial on separate kidnap and assault charges last year, the state prosecutor was granted leave to lead "similar fact evidence" of the two incidents, but he did not do so. Two of those convicted with Mrs Mandela in that trial now say they gave false evidence to protect her. and this is believed to have prompted the new, wider

investigation. Mrs Mandela's appeal against a six-year prison sentence for kidnapping and being an accessory to assault is still pending. Whether or not further charges may be brought before it is heard remains unclear. Residents of Soweto interviewed by local

newspapers expressed relief that Mr Mandela had separated from his wife. Although she enjoyed support among young radicals, the activities of her entourage created anger and resentment in the community.

The Sowetan newspaper re-

flected a widespread sentiment in the township yesterday when it urged the ANC to relieve Mrs Mandela of her posts on its executive committee and as head of its social welfare department. One ANC activist said: "I have been finding it harder and harder to defend her in my branch. The general feeling is that she should retire from politics for a while, go and park in the shade, cool out." Gill Marcus, the ANC spokeswoman, said: "The ANC has not taken a position on Mrs Mandela as things

is head today." John Morgan and Xoliswa Falati, who were convicted and sentenced at the same time as Mrs Mandela last year, began incriminating her recently after a dispute over who would pay the costs of their appeal.

stand at the moment. She was

head of welfare yesterday and

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Senior citizens: President Yang Shangkun of China, left. being greeted by President Kim, right, on his arrival in Pyongyang yesterday

### Desolate Pyongyang lights up for Kim's birthday

Pyongyang: Huge flags and flashing neon billboards adorn North Korea's drab and desolate capital for today's celebrations marking the 80th birthday of "Great Leader" Kim Il Sung (Seigo

Sakamoto writes). Thousands of cheering residents in colourful national dress were lining the streets yesterday to welcome

foreign delegations - almost all from the Third World. For months North Koreans have been urged to beautify their country for the anniversary of "the hero of the Korean race". A Pyong-yang official said: "This is going to be one of the biggest events ever celebrated by North Korea. It will parallel the February 16 cele-

brations marking the birthday of the Great Leader's son, Kim Jong Il." President Kim, who has ruled his stalinist state unchallenged since 1948, turns 80 amid growing speculation about whether he will hand over to his son and anointed heir. The official

early move. Instead, news-

papers were filled with lengthy tributes to the president. The celebrations will provide only temporary relief from North Korea's probpress gave no hint of any

lems. Japanese experts say the country is suffering food and energy shortages. Most households are without electricity or even candles.

HENDER HEREIT

More than a thousand foreign visitors are expected to attend but President Yang Shangkun of China is the only senior representative from a world power. The demise of the Soviet Union deprived North Ko-

rea of its main ally. It is watching with unease the improvement of ties between China, its last important ally, and South Korea. its sworn enemy. (Reuter)

### PEOPLE **Travoltas** announce first child

John Travolta, the television and film actor, and his wife, Kelly Preston, the actress, announced the birth of their first child, a son, named Jett, in hospital in Daytona Beach.

Taiwan, which has not enjoyed a visit by a world leader since 1967 because of its diplomatic rivalry with China, will roll out the red carpet for Margaret Thatcher and Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president, later this year.

Smokey Robinson was honoured at the first Motor City Music Awards for lifetime achievements that include soul singing and founding Motown records. Rocker Bob Seger was named musician of the year.

US officials will commemorate Christopher Columbus' New World voyages by issuing a stamp at Christiansted, St Croix in the US Virgin Islands, the first place he landed now under the American flag, a postal official said.

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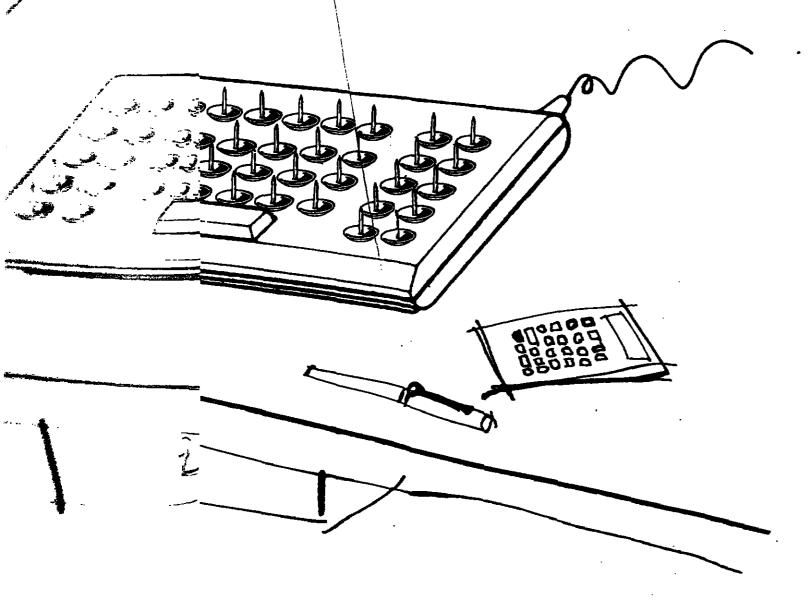
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### Elusive Yeltsin uses absence to secure deal with congress

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S elusive President and his influence appeared to stability, and of general fi-Yeltsin was expected to storm back into the political fray today or tomorrow after his cabinet and the supreme legislature moved to patch up a row that had threatened the course of Western-backed economic reform.

The air of mystery over the intentions and precise whereabouts of Mr Yeltsin, not seen in public since Friday, deepened after it was announced that he had declined a request from Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, for a meeting. However, Mr Yeltsin did confer with lead-

NERVOUS Western lend-

ers are putting pressure on

Russia to stick to its market

reform plans, with warnings that the multi-billion pound aid package

may not be released if Presi-

dent Yeltsin bows to the

anti-capitalist demands of

The statements — the latest from Jacques Attali, president of the European

Bank for Reconstruction

and Development - are

supposed to give support to the Russian leader. Nicho-

las Brady, the American

treasury secretary, is driving

In many respects the survival of President Yeltsin

has become more important

to the West than that of

Mikhail Gorbachev in the

1980s. If Mr Yeltsin goes -

or abandons economic re-

form — then the chances of

an orderly transition to the

market will be gravely reduced. "It is to be hoped

that the political conditions

in Russia will allow these

resources to be released." M

Attali said in a bank session

in Budapest this week. He

was referring to the \$24 billion (£14 billion) pledged

M Attali's declaration

was also steered by the inter-

nal politics of aid and trade

with the former Soviet

Union. He wants his bank

to expand into the area of

soft credit since as M Attali said recently: "The bank

currently has more money

than projects." But the Uni-

ted States, the largest share-

holder of the bank, is firmly

against such a move since it

would duplicate the work,

and diminish the authority.

of the International Mone-

tary Fund and the World

Bank. As long as market reform is in doubt in Russia,

the American argument will

But these essentially insti-

tutional arguments are

masking the key question of what to do with the money

when it eventually comes.

probably carry the day.

by the West to Russia.

home the same message.

the Russian parliament.

be present in a compromise document that was narrowly approved in principle by the Russian Congress last night

Mr Brady was received by Yegor Gaidar, the head of the reform programme, after flying to Moscow for emergency talks following moves by the conservative-dominated Russian Congress to hobble the reformist cabinet which caused alarm among Westem aid donors. Mr Gaidar said afterwards that Mr Brady had "voiced the concern that exists among Group of Seven countries over the pos-

Brady: driving home

the reform message

The reconstruction and dev-

elopment bank has taken

the first step in Budapest this week by identifying the conversion of Russia's mili-

tary-industrial complex as a

priority. This makes sound

gust 1991 coup four of the

junta's eight members were

representative of the mili-

representative of the fini-tary-industrial complex. The huge number of jobs tied up with the defence economy of the East means that its political champions

have considerable clout in

the great economic debate.

The defence industry - 70

sia, 15 per cent in Ukraine

-- employs about 7.5 mil-

The economics of conver-

sion are very intricate. Rus-

sia and the rest of eastern

Europe aiready have huge

stocks, especially of tanks

that were cut under the con-

ventional arms agreements signed by East and West. In

Omsk, in western Siberia,

more than 1,000 T62 and

T72 tanks are waiting to be

sold. Only a rather haphaz-ard policy of granting arms

trading licences has pre-

vented a huge basement sale to the Middle East and

to warring states like Arme-

The Russian government estimates that it will cost

almost \$150 billion to con-

vert the arms factories and

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nia and Azerbaijan.

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lion workers.

Russia told aid is

linked to reform

The survival of President Yeltsin has

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the 1980s, Roger Boyes writes

nancial destabilisation in

Another Russian economic adviser, also present at the talks, quoted Mr Brady as saying that a promised Western credit line of \$24 billion (£13.6 billion) would not be cast into question "as long as the current reform programme is maintained".

Russian politicians were last night looking to Mr Yeltsin to indicate whether he is satisfied with last night's intricate parliamentary compromise or proposes instead to launch a broader counterattack on the conservatives, as his radical supporters would like. Mr Gaidar, after leading ministers back into the Congress hall from which it walked out on Monday night, said the cabinet considered acceptable a resolution that affirmed the basic commit-ment to a market economy and watered down a motion of censure passed on Sat-

urday.
The text, endorsed in principle by 530 deputies, fractionally more than the necessary minimum, acknow-ledged the weekend's hardline resolution could only be implemented gradually and with due account taken of current economic and social conditions". The document explicitly rules out a return to the command economy.

Another sign of the tide turning Mr Yeltsin's way came when parliament declined to approve constitu-tional amendments that would have taken away his right to select ministers. Radical supporters of the president, grouped in the Democratic Russia movement, scheduled a big street demonstration for Sunday and said they had aiready begun coilecting signatures on a referendum that would confirm Mr Yeltsin's strong presiden-

tial prerogatives.

The president's personal rating among the Russian public has risen, and that of the hardline-dominated Congress fallen in recent days, according to opinion polls.

Although his disappearance from public prompted concern in the West about possible heaith or drinking utation as a mysterious but compelling figure.

If his temporary absence was intended to show up the hopeless infighting that would break out if he were not there, it has certainly

• Tokyo: Kiichi Miyazawa the Japanese prime minister, hinted yesterday that President Yeltsin would be invited to the Group of Seven summit in Munich in July.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the

former Soviet president, told an audience in Japan that the future of world civilisation depended on the success or failure of reforms in the former Soviet Union.

In an impassioned plea for help from a reluctant Japan, he told a meeting of academics and businessmen they should not hesitate to support Russia and other republics that are undergoing reforms. (AFP)



### German dustmen prepare to strike over pay offer

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

WAGE negotiations for Germany's 2.3 million public service employees have collapsed, making a vote to go on strike by the end of the month all but certain.

The government must be apprehensive. Only once since the war, in 1975, have Germany's dustmen, tram drivers and hospital porters gone on strike. The chaos was so great that the government caved in after three days.

This time, however, the government is equally apprehensive about the consequences of agreeing a settlement that would be infla-tionary. The public service union asked for a 9.5 per cent pay rise but has indicated that it will accept the 5.4 per cent proposed by an independent arbitration panel last week. The government, which originally offered 3.5 per cent, increased this to 4.8 per cent after the panel reported, but the union has ected that out of hand.

Monika Wulf-Mathies, the union's leader, said after negotiations broke down on Monday night that the offer was no more than "an invitation to strike". Her members were ready to accept the arbitration award, even though it was well below their expectations, she said. They were not ready, however, to accept what amounted to a "wage

diktar". Rudolf Seiters, the interior minister, who is leading the government side, said that the offer would cost DM15 billion (£5 billion) and was already so high that it would increase public borrowing to the extent that it might affect

the stability of the mark. The government would nevertheless have been ready to accept the arbitration award were it not for the fact that the public service settlement would set the pace for all subsequent

negotiations this year. There are 1.4 million public employees in east Germany who would expect to get no less, while postmen, railwaymen, engineers and leather workers are already in a queue trying for settlements well above the 5 per cent ceiling that the government

would like to see. Yesterday the union executive agreed to organise a strike ballot after Easter, with the results declared on April 24. Assuming a vote in favour of action, a series of rolling stoppages in different services

### Gamblers bank on 'miracle' cure

Gambling is a big problem in Spain. Helena de Bertodano reports on a potential cure

There was a time when the jingle of the fruit machine in the corner of the nosiy Madrid bar had an instant effect on José. As though responding to a magnetic pull, he was in front of the machine be-

fore you could say jackpot.
José had always been considered a hopeless case, one of thousands of Spaniards hooked on games of chance. But his life has recently been transformed by the invention of a pill said to cure compulsive gamblers.

The inventor of the so-called "miracle pill" is

Jeronimo Saiz Ruiz, the doctor in charge of the Rehabilitation Programme for Pathological Gamblers at the Ramon and Cajal Hospital in Madrid. He claims that gambling ad-dicts, known as "ludo-paths", suffer a deficiency in serotonin, a brain hormone that plays a key role in keeping harmful impulses under control.

Dr Saiz says his pill in-creases the level of serotonin, thus reducing the urge to gamble. Many Span-iards, including medical experts, are deeply scepti-cal. But with the backing of the health ministry and financial support from a Dutch pharmaceutical company, he is testing his pill on 20 patients, includng José. Most of them are fruit-machine addicts. Indeed, more than half of Spain's estimated 390,000 ludopaths are hooked on such machines.

After pumping nearly four million pesetas (£21,000) into the machines, even pawning his wedding ring to feed his addiction, José feels that Dr Saiz's pill offers him a new lease of life. He and the other patients must take the medication for a year before any conclu-sions can be drawn about its effectiveness. But, after the first six months, José says he feels "a thousand times better" and can manage to steer clear of the bleeping, flashing heap of metal in the corner

of every Spanish bar. Dr Saiz claims his pill can also cure people ad-dicted to casinos, bingo, dicted to casmos, bingo, lotteries and any other form of gambling. "The underlying mechanism doesn't vary," he says. According to the National Gambling Commission, games of chance have boomed, with Spaniards now spending 18 billion pessets a year, nearly £500 pesetas a year, nearly £500 a head, on gambling, which, Dr Saiz says, is far higher than the European

average.

He says that, if his pill proves effective, it will be on the market within a year. As Jose says: "Fruit machines inject you with poison and make you come back for more and more. Eventually they force you to choose between your family and the jackpot."

### Intruders gun dovn Nagorno leader

Moscow: Men armd with automatic weapons best into the flat of Artur Mkchyan. 34, chairman of te local assembly of the dispated endave of Nagomo-Kaabakn. and shot him dead veterday. the Interfax news agency

reported. Tass reported theinterior ministry of the rebelenciave in Azerbaijan as saving that Mr Mkrichyan, a huseum director, had been alled in the early evening at as home in Stepanakert, the main town of Nagorno-Krabakh Tass added that he killers had not yet been identified.

Mr Mkrichvan ws elected in January after a referendum on independance He took over the leadersup of the mountainous regon from Leonard Petrossia. More than 1.500 people save been killed in four yearsof clashes between Azerbaijnis and ethnic Armenians, over Na-gorno-Karabakh, which is populated mainly by Arm-

enians. The Armenians who are Christians, are filting the surrounding Mulim Azerbaijsnis in an attenpt to gain independence for he enclave and to achieve loser links with Armenia (4**IP**)

### Kiev to resume missile moves

Kiev: Ukraine vill resume sending tactical nuclear weapons to Rusia "within the nearest future" for storage and dismantling. Anatoli Zlenko, the foreign minster, said yesterday (Robert Teely

writes). Mr Zlenko made plait that the decision had been aken with reluctance. The Kiev government still views Russian storage of the mistles as potentially dangerous "Unfortunately there is neother way. We have tried todo our best to introduce stret controls," Mr Zlenko sail.

Bomber jaled Paris: Fouad Ali Salah. a Tunisian, was serenced to life imprisonmer for a bombing campaist in Paris in 1985-86 which killed 13 people. Two other North Africans were given lie sentences.

A fourth was jiled for 20

Havel to stand

years. (Reuter)

Prague: Presidnt Havel ended months of peculation by election after parliamentary polls in Jun. Opening the last session of the federal assembly, he again appealed for Czechosbvakia to remain a single stat. (Reuter)

### Policeman dies

Moscow: \ landmine explosion killer a Moldavian policeman ii Dorotskoye village in breakway Transdnestr. A Moldavi.n youth died and two othes were injured when a missie which he found exploded in the village of Koshitsa. (AP)

### Carthage find

Tunis Archeologists from Camiridge University said they lad seen the entrance to the ancient port of Carthage, which silted up 13 centuries ago The researchers also found quayside structures dating back to the Roman and Byzantine eras. (Reuter)

Finland coveted Helsinki: Vladimir Zhirinov-sky. leader of the Russian Liberal Democratic party, said he would re-absorb Finland into Russia if elected president, a Finnish news-paper reported. "We shall

### shed," it quoted him as saying. (Reuter)

take Finland without blood-

Driver jailed Brussels: A court here sentenced Michel Beeckman, a European Community bureaucrat, to three months in jail for firing a hail of machinegun bullets at the car of a driver who overtook him. He also faces a three-year suspended sentence. (Reuter)

### Cabinet named

Tirana: President Berisha has named Albania's first non-communist government in over 40 years. Alexander Meksi is prime minister, and his Democratic party has 14 other ministers. Social Democrats and Republicans have a portfolio each. (Reuter)

### Petition filed

Moscow: About 150.000 Muslims in Kirghizia have petitioned President Akayev to stop the activities of loreign missionaries, many of them Americans, whose presence in the central Asian republic, they say, could unleash ethnic

### Mitterrand extends trip to Turkey

FROM ANDREW FINKEL

DESPITE continued Turkish bombing raids on Kurdish separatist areas in northern Iraq. President Mitter-rand of France extended his two-day visit to Turkey to include an impromptu state dinner last night at Istanbul's Dolmabahce palace. M Mitterrand's trip app-

ears to have succeeded in cashing in on the deteriorating relations between Turkey and its largest trading partner, Germany. Turkish public opinion was outraged by Bonn's decision last month to suspend arms shipments to Turkey in protest against the use of German weapons to quell demonstrations in the Kurdish southeast. M Mitterrand left Istanbul

last night with his entourage, including businessmen hoping to compete for lucrative defence and construction contracts, including a large helicopter order, a second Istanbul airport and a fast train service between Istanbul and Ankara. Peugeot is also considering siting a car factory on the Black Sea.

### Backstage battles rage over Brecht IN HIS play, The Good Per-

son of Sichuan, Bertolt gods to Earth to have a look at man's problems and conclude that there was not a lot they could do about them. The Berlin Senate has decided that no less than a quintet of thespian deities is needed to untangle the mess at the theatre Brecht left as a monument to his work.

So bitter has the row become over performance rights, quality of productions and the role of the playwrights's strong-willed daughter at the Berliner Ensemble that five leading Western directors, including Peter Palitzsch and Peter Zadek, have been brought in to rescue it from collapse. The enterprise, formerly funded by the East German state, is to be turned into a limited company - a decision which may well have Brecht, a scourge of capitalism, turning in his grave in the nearby Chasseestrasse graveyard where he asked to be buried in order to "keep an eye in the after-life" on the theatre he founded in 1954 after his

return from exile. Since the death of Helene Weigel, Brecht's wife and principal actress, it has been run by his daughter, Barbara Brecht-Schall. In the wake of

Westerners are using capitalist tactics to breathe new life into the scourge of capitalism, Anne McElvoy writes

the communist state's col-lapse, Frau Brecht-Schall has proved a touch difficult for the senate to deal with. At one point she threatened to with-hold performance rights to all the plays unless the city's senator in charge of cultural affairs agreed that she could retain her influence over casting and productions. Her interventions were no-

torious and she was apt to ban any deviation from her father's productions with the sentence that made directors all over Europe tremble: Papa would not like it like that". She ensured that her husband, Ekkehard Schall, be given the lead in most productions, and actors and directors who disagreed with her were prevented from working at the theatre. Her dominance is some-

thing of a Brechtian irony in itself given that he, sceptical of her talents, ordered her not to play under the name of Brecht and gave her the stage name "Berg" allegedly telling his wife "Don't send the child to my theatre". As his literary executor, she still holds the rights well into the



Brecht: vowed to keep an eye on theatre

next century but has been stripped of much of her authority by the introduction of Western copyright to the east. She still talks as if she had a direct line to her father and often remarks: "Why should others think they know better than I what my father would

have wanted? The senate could find no single director acceptable to Frau Brecht-Schall and no one prepared to risk their career in an endless tussle with her megalomania. The compromise of five directors, leading the operation for ten

weeks ahead has taken two years to reach. The city will subsidise the Berliner Ensemble with 25 million marks (£8.5 million). The new team is determined to shake the house of Brecht out of its lethargy and restore the centre-stage position it once held in German culture.

The theatre, considered Germany's best in the 1950s and 1960s, now has audiences consisting mainly of tourists and school groups. In recent years, theatre critics no longer bothered to review predictable productions, starring Brecht's son-in-law. The chaos at the Berliner

Ensemble reflects a deeper

uncertainty as to how Germany's most oft-performed dra-matist should be viewed in the wake of the collapse of the marxist system he defended. The newspaper Die Zeit, whose arts pages have gained a reputation for attacking cultural holy cows, recently turned their fire on Brecht. The paper was inundated with letters from outraged Brechtophiles, many suggesting that the new Germany intended to subject their hero to a second, posthumous exile by destroying his theatre and his memory. There is no such thing as a moderate debate about Brecht: one thing he

### **New Nato corps to** be ready by 1995

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

iness".

NATO'S new rapid reaction corps, which is to be led by a British general, will be fully operational by 1995, alliance officials said yesterday. Licutenant-General Sir Jeremy MacKenzie, who was confirmed yesterday as the commander of the corps, will take up his post in the autumn. The size of individual nat-

ional contributions to the corps has yet to be finalised. However, eight divisions will be formed from units of 10 countries. Portugal will not be involved and Spain will provide one or more units. The officials said they did not envisage calling upon more than four divisions "in any

crisis". After months of planning. Nato confirmed that the main response forces would consist of "immediate reaction" and "rapid reaction" troops. Although the restructuring has been based on these reaction forces, they will represent only about 10 per cent of the Nato military presence in Europe. The remainder will consist of "main defence" units and reinforce-

The immediate reaction

force is to be a brigade-size land element (4,000-5,000 troops) with several air squad rons from different countrie and a standing naval force is the Mediterranean. Fourtee nations will contribute force "at the highest state of read

The rapid reaction corp. which will have a greate combat capability, will have multinational division and units contributed by Briain, the United States, Can da, Belgium, Denmark, Ge many, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands and Turkey. Britain is to contribute two divisions, one based in Germany, the other in southeist England.

The officials said that some units would remain on their home territory but would train with the corps. Headquarters will be in Germany under the direct command of the American supreme allied

commander Europe. General Mackenzie is currently commander of 1st British Corps in Germany. The new headquarters from where he will command the rapid reaction corps will be multinational.

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### Clinton secures the unions' backing

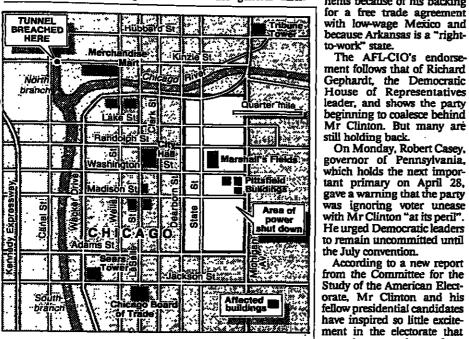
FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

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BILL Clinton easily won the Virginia caucuses and is about to receive the official endorsement of America's trade union movement But what these and other developments demonstrated most clearly yesterday was the joyessness of the Arkansas governor's apparently unstoppable slog towards the Democratic presidential nomin-

The day's by now aimost statutory "disclosure" about Mr Clinton came from The Washington Times, which claimed that drug investigators had in 1984 secretly taped his brother Roger, at that time a cocaine addict, boasting that he often took women to the governor's mansion for sex. There was no suggestion that Mr Clinton had been aware of this, the report said.

Mr Clinton secured approximately 52 per cent of support in Virginia, where 78 convention delegates were at stake. Jerry Brown won 12 per cent, But the 36 per cent vote for an uncommitted slate reflected the general disen-



### **Builders blamed** for Chicago flood

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

EMERGENCY workers in Chicago yesterday fought to drain the city's ageing tunnel system of the flood of muddy river water that forced an evacuation of the city centre and the closure of hundreds of shops and offices on Mon-

day.

Electricity was still cut off yesterday in part of the city and the police were standing by to deter looters in the Intral shopping area. Businesses were told that it could take up to a week to drain the deluge which surged through tunnels freight noneycombing the city's cenral district.

As building teams strug-gled to plug a car-size hole in he tunnel system late into Monday night, recriminaions were flying between city authorities and building irms about who was to blame or the flood, which caused an brupt halt to trading in one f the world's busiest finanial districts

Richard Daley, the mayor, aid that the public works ivision had known of the

leak in the 45-mile tunnel system a week ago, adding: persons who had information will be held accountable to me and to the city of Chicago." The mayor and fire officers accused construction workers of knocking a hole in one of the tunnels when they sank piles into the Chicago riverbed a few weeks ago. The company responsible for

came at dawn on Monday when a huge whirlpool was seen in the river near the Kinzie Street bridge. Within an hour, water had risen up to 30 feet in some offices. As water leaked into electricity sub-stations, power was cut. All of buildings in the central district were evacuated, including the Sears Tower, City Hall, the Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. At the futuristic glass State of Illinois building, fish were found swimming in the

"Each and every one of those

through blatantly political announcements. On Monday, suddenly exploiting a 1988 Supreme Court decisinking the piles countered by claiming that the city did not sion, he placed new conditions on the political funding provide maps of the tunnels. First signs of the flood Lane Kirkland, the AFL-CIO president, denounced the move as "obsequious pandering to the ultra-right wing". Last Friday Mr Bush permitted Wisconsin and other

states to start imposing conditions on those receiving social Yesterday Mr Bush went to Michigan to court the sort of socially conservative blue-collar whites, badly hit by the

voters have stayed away from the primaries in record

Turnout has fallen 18 per

cent since 1988 in the Demo-

cratic primaries, and 4 per cent in the Republican contests. In key electoral states such as New York, Florida, Texas, Georgia and Tennes-

see, Democratic participation

has reached new lows. Paul

Tsongas, who has withdrawn

from the race, said the figures

Mr Bush has begun active-

ly to court the Republican party's disaffected conserva-

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tion from the Democrats gave the Republicans their last three presidential victories.

should terrify the party



Double act: Ronald Reagan is jostled by a man who leaped on to the podium, hit the former president and smashed a Las Vegas media trophy. Mr Reagan was unhurt

### Peru wins sanctions reprieve

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IE Organisation of Ameri-1 States has stopped short imposing economic sancns on Peru. The grouping ued a condemnation of sident Fujimori's decision suspend Peru's constitun and dissolve its congress. in American foreign min-. rs at the meeting in Washton on Monday night reed to send a high-level ssion to Lima to urge the sident to restore all consti-

onal rights and liberties. he resolution, passed by a e of 32-0 with Peru abning, was considerably der in tone than the resoon passed by the regional ly in October after Haiti's ted government was top-1. This time the foreign tisters sought to "allow ce for Peruvian parties inselves to restore constitu-

tional order and to "exert pressure without suffocating" the troubled South American nation, a senior OAS diplo-

During the emergency meeting, James Baker, the American Secretary of State, rejected President Fujimori's argument that both the Peruvian congress and judiciary system were corrupt and that his government had no other option but to suspend the and to express the highest constitution. "You cannot destroy democracy in order to save it," said Mr Baker. "If Peru changes course, if constitutional democracy is restored, we can re-embrace the

Peruvian nation and people.

and work together in partner-

ship to help Peru overcome its

Mr Baker's message was

repeated by foreign ministers

difficult problems," he said.

level of concern". They appealed for "the immediate re-establishment of democratic institutional order in Peru." The OAS heard a speech from Maximo San Roman, who served as one a vice-president in an earlier Fujimori government and who has repudiated him. Normally the OAS only hears from people in office.

and ambassadors from sever-

al Latin American and Carib-

bean countries. All expressed

understanding for the prob-

Augusto Blacker Miller, the

Peruvian foreign minister,

said after the vote that he

found the resolution "quite

balanced". In the resolution,

the ministers agreed to

"greatly deplore the events

that have taken place in Peru

lems facing Peru.

chantment with the choice The AFL-CIO, representing 14 million union members, agreed formally to en-dorse Mr Clinton on May 5, placing a nationwide machine at his disposal. But the decision was inspired less by genuine enthusiasm than by the recognition that Democrats must start focusing on this autumn's general elec-tion battle with President Bush. Many trade unions had previously actively sup-ported Mr Clinton's opponents because of his backing for a free trade agreement with low-wage Mexico and because Arkansas is a "right-The AFL-CIO's endorsement follows that of Richard Gephardt, the Democratic House of Representatives leader, and shows the party beginning to coalesce behind

> Home from home: Princess Yasmin, the daughter-in-law of the late Shah Reza Pahlavi of Iran, with Princess Noor, her new-born daughter, in a Washington hospital room that was symbolically declared by the baby's proud father, Reza II, the shah's son, to be part of Iran's territory so that

she could be born in what he still considers to be his homeland. The shah's regime was toppled by followers of the late Ayatollah Khomeini in January 1979. Reza II, the claimant to the Peacock Throne in Tehran. tho took the picture, has lived in exile in the West since his father's fall. (AP)

### rebels seize town

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

MUJAHIDIN fighters yes-terday claimed that they had captured the strategic Afghan town of Charikar, less than 40 miles north of Kabul, the capital, dealing a severe blow to President Najibullah's already crumbling govern-ment. There were no indications that the army had fought back, suggesting that there has been a large-scale mutiny that could bode ill for United Nations peace efforts.

Charikar is on the only supply route from Kabul to the central Asian republics. which are a vital source of food and fuel. If the rebels decided to close the road, the implications for the capital, already short of food, could be grave.

That time is desperately short to save the country from anarchy is becoming increasingly apparent. The UN is rushing to piece together a modest power structure in Kabul to take over from Dr Najibullah before the end of the month. The latest developments, however, raise serious questions about the army's cohesion. If the military disintegrates, chaos could break out in government-held areas. Even Kabul would not be safe from in-

A government air base at Bagram, close to Charikar, may also have fallen into rebel hands. The two towns were apparently taken over by Ahmad Shah Masood, a Taik who controls much of the northeast of the country.

### Mujahidin | Waste pact is ratified after delay

Geneva: Three years after being adopted in Basie by 104 countries, the convention on control of transboundary movements of hazardous waste and its disposal has been ratified by the minimum of 20 countries necessary and will be in force from May 5 (Alan McGregor writes).

France is the only European Community signatory Others are Sweden, Finland Switzerland and Australia, but not yet Japan or America.

### Muslims shot

Dhaka: After taking away their belongings and trying to seize five young women. Bur-mese troops fired on more than 500 Muslims trying to flee into Bangladesh, refugees in southeast Bangladesh said. Some refugees were beaten with rifle butts. (Reuter)

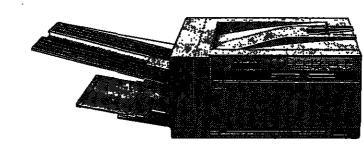
### Timorese tried

Jakarta: The first of five trials has begun in East Timor. The charges relate to a brawl last October in which two people died. Police killed between 50-100 mourners at the funeral of one of the victims the following month. (AFP)

### Ban decreed

Bogotá: A Roman Catholic priest in a conservative Colombian town has decreed in an Easter message that sellers of condoms may not take communion or make confession, and said alcoholics and prostitutes should also not take the sacraments. (Reuter)

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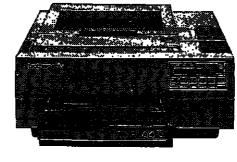
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## Slippery slopes

### Philip Howard asks who would live under a volcano

hat sort of people live on the slopes of an active volcano? The same sort who make their homes beside Chernobyl and the Saint Andreas Fault Ordinary people who have nowhere else to go, and who reckon that statistically they are more likely to die in a traffic accident (or in California and Sicily by a gun) than by a natural disaster. Some of these hazardous spots on the surface of the Earth are very attractive. The lower slopes of Etna are rich in vineyards, olive groves and orchards. The volcanic soil is so fertile that it often yields five harvests a year. For ten years it can be a Sicilian paradise in the shadow of its peak.

And then the mountain grows sick again. Yesterday the river of lava from Etna engulfed the first houses, after breaching the last barrier thrown up to protect the village of Zafferana on the eastern slope down to the sea. The owner watched his house destroyed, having set a table with a bottle of red wine at his front door to welcome the lava. If in a thousand years time archaeologists dig up his house again, they will find social history preserved in amber, though not as dramatically as the remains at Pompeii and Herculaneum, where the eruption of Vesu-vius in AD 79 buried the towns 20 ft deep in less than 48 hours.

ur modern Sicilian icons of both the true Madonna and Madonna the chanteuse will be as confusing to our descendants as the business transactions recorded in the wax tablets of Lucius Caecilius Jucundus, a jocund name for the bank manager of Pompeii. The local football side of Catania may achieve a fame it never managed in its playing days, as the second-division provincial gladiators of Pompeii have done. Because this is a comparatively small eruption, its aftermath is unlikely to change the European imagination, as Pompeii did by inspiring the neoclassic style, and influencing artists as diverse as Piranesi and the Adams brothers. Josiah Wedgwood changed the pattern of his pottery, and renamed his factory "Etruria", under the misapprehension that Pompeii was Etruscan. I do not suppose we are going to get a wave of primitive Zafferana pottery in the year 3000, faithfully copied from the local tourist

Etna was the senior and more famous volcano in antiquity. Its name comes from the Greek verb "to burn", just as the noun volcano comes from Vulcan, the Roman counterpart of the Greek god Hephaestus. He was the god of metallurgy, also known as Mulciber "the Softener", and was said to have his forge under Etna, where with the Cyclops he forged thunderbolts for Jupiter.

part from Pompeii, Etna has had more frequent and more violent eruptions than Hequent and more violent computer to Vesuvius. Pindar and Aeschylus refer to the eruption of 475 BC. In 396 BC, a well-timed eruption by Etna prevented the Carthaginian army from reaching Catania. The most violent historical eruption was in AD 1669 along a fissure which opened above the town of Nicolosi, about ten miles south of the path of the present lava flow. The lava then destroyed a dozen villages on the southern slope of Etna, and submerged the western part of the town of Car-ania. This was the first occasion on which men tried to divert a lava flow, with as little success as they are having so far three centuries later. At first the trench-digging worked. But 500 heavily armed men from a neighbouring village, who feared that the diverted lava stream might descend on them. prevented further work.

This is the 14th major eruption of Ema this century. So far there have been no deaths, and not much devastation. The owner of the first house to go under the lava yesterday had painted 'Thank you, government" sarcastically on his wall. Nothing yet has happened as memorable as the death of the philosopher Empedodes, who, having resolved that all matter was made of permutations of the elements of earth, air, fire and water, threw himself into the fiery furnace of Etna. Academic rivals sneered that he wanted people to think that he was a god who had vanished off the face of the Earth. But the volcano foiled him, by spewing out one of his sandals, and demonstrating that he had died by his element of fire. Exaggerated no doubt, as stories in the contemporary tabloids were. But I still should not want to live on the lovely slopes of Etna. It is a grumpy old mountain.

Conor Cruise O'Brien says security must be the priority for the new Northern Ireland Secretary

### Time to get tough in Ulster

he replacement of Peter Brooke as Secretary of State for Northern Ire-land looks like signalling a change of priorities in the province. Throughout his ten-ure, Peter Brooke put the quest the heaviest ever exploded by the IRA. The kind of agreement for a political solution first and Peter Brooke was looking for security second. The right priority is the other way round, as Mr would have had no more beneficial effect than the Anglo-Irish Major may have been persuaded by the IRA bombs in London Agreement has had.

Sir Patrick Mayhew is best The political solution Mr known in Ireland for obdurate Brooke so diligently sought — a compromise between Unionist replies to various nationalist demands in the security field. The Dublin press registered "deep dismay" at his appointment, but Sir Patrick's unpopularity with the Nationalists will and Nationalist parliamentarians — is almost certainly unattainable, and certainly incapable, if temporarily attained, either of providing Northern Ireland with stable government, ensure for him a measure of popularity with the Unionists. or of ending or even reducing And after all, in Northern Irethe violence. Remember that the land last week, 56 per cent voted Anglo-Irish Agreement was supfor parties supporting the Union posed to bring about "the isola-(including the Conservative cantion of the men of violence", yet didates), whereas only 33 per after more than six years under cent voted for the Nationalists the agreement, there is a higher (SDLP and Sinn Fein). level of violence than there was before 1985. The IRA is now more capable than it was before of striking repeated blows at the

I believe John Major really wishes to strengthen the Union between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and that he has appointed Sir Patrick Mayhew for that purpose. If so, Sir Patrick's first year as Secre tary of State should run something like this. On arrival, he will make a speech expressing the government's determination to uphold the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and to defeat terrorist conspiracies of all

Asked about the Anglo-Irish Agreement, he will say that it remains in

descriptions.

being, and that he hopes shortly to attend a meeting of the Anglo-Irish intergovernmental conference. Asked about the "Brooke talks", he will say that he will be happy to preside over a continuation of these, assuming that all constitutional parties so wish. He will make it clear that whether the talks are to succeed or not is a matter for the parties themselves. If they succeed, well

Sir Patrick Mayhew:

Northern Ireland as before, but with enhanced emphasis on security. As his first im-

portant initiative. he will place on the agenda of the intergovernmental conference the Irish Supreme Court's insistence that "reintegration of the national territory" is a consti-

Major will then privately let Albert Reynolds know that unless the Republic abandons this stance, the Anglo-Irish Agreement may not survive That intimation will probably be enough to bring about a referendum

tutional imperative. John

of the Republic's constitution. Such moves will tend to dissipate the widespread impression

amending the offending articles

and good. If they that Britain is really anxious to fail, he will continue to govern land. That impression more than anything else boosts IRA morale and incites the terrorists to keep up the killing.

In the field of security. Sir Patrick will make known to the security forces that the government has in mind, for certain contingencies, the introduction of selective internment, on an even-handed basis for both sets of paramilitary godfathers, and that the security forces are to be ready to apply internment at short notice. Internment could then follow immediately on the next major escalation of paramilitary violence.

The SDLP will not be happy about the new course. But the Secretary of State can make two things clear to them. First, that he is bound to resist all attempts at progress towards their ulti-mate objective: the dissolution of the Union. Second, that as long as they remain at best neutral between the security forces and

a particular group of terrorists, the extent to which the Secretary of State can be guided by their advice on security matters is

If things move that way, as I hope, a lot will be done to stabilise the United Kingdom, of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Stability is in the interest not only of Unionists, but of all the peoples of these islands For the disintegration of the Union would be accompanied by civil war in Ireland similar to the Serb-Croat conflict, beginning in Northern Ireland and spreading to the Republic. Mainland Britain would also suffer from that conflagration

on its doorstep. However things work out under Sir Patrick Mayhew, the change of course, and of priorities, is already clear. Interviewed as he arrived in Scifast on Monday, he said that the government was determined "first and foremost" to defeat the terrorists. He also emphasised that Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom at the wish of the majority of its inhabitants. These are new notes, and they are welcome and salutary.

### A divorce of convenience

### R.W. Johnson on the politics fuelling the Mandela split

ad though it may be in human terms, the sepa-ration of Nelson and Winnie Mandela has been greeted with satisfaction across the South African political spectrum. Within the African National Congress there is a feeling that a great weight has been lifted, while in government circles there is relief that the spectre of Winnie Mandela as first lady - with which the right made great play in the recent referendum — can no longer be used to madden white voters.

just after his electoral victory.

heart of London, and the blows

are getting heavier: one of last

week's bombs was reported to be

The question is whether this satisfaction is not premature. Nelson Mandela's statement announcing the separation, which earnt him both sympathy and respect, was short and dignified. But it is known that his wife has her own much longer version of events which, when made public, will see her storming out of her corner fists up and eyes blazing.

The feeling among her sup-porters is undeniably bitter. For while both husband and wife admit that there have been political disagreements between them for some time, Mrs Mandela has been scrupulously observing a public silence on such issues, doubtless as part of a bargain with her husband. Mandela's intimates is that the separation has been prompted by the resurgence of allegations against her in the past week. Not only are the police re-examining the evidence relating to the murder of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei (the subject of Mrs Mandela's current appeal against a six year sentence), but serious charges concerning the murder of the Soweto doctor Abu-Baker Asvat have also been reopened. In addition, the police have widened their investigations to include three further charges of kidnapping and one of theft against Mrs Mandela.

Not to put too fine a point on it,

there is a very long list of people with stories to tell and allegations to make against Mrs Mandela. Her supporters, all too conscious of this rising tide of accusation and controversy, fear that she is being thrown to the

In their eyes, the villains of the piece are those on the right of the ANC who have exerted increasing pressure on Mr Mandela to distance himself from his controversial wife. Others are already interpreting it in the same way. Harry Gwala, the powerful ANC boss of the Natal midlands region, who makes no secret of his Stalin, has come out strongly in Mrs Mandela's favour. Given

her following among the militant youth of the townships and her enthusiastic identification with the ANC's guerrilla wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, it is clearly possible that the marital split will take on a greater political significance.

lation that Mrs Mandela may try to retain her post as head of the ANC's social welfare department and her leading position in the women's league. While such a prospect many in the ANC hierarchy, it is far more likely that she will resign both

these posts and perhaps even her position on the ANC national executive, in order to be completely free to speak out powerfully against those whom she believes have thwarted her and against those ANC policies with which she disagrees. If this



Under fire: Nelson Mandela has had to bow to growing ANC pressure to distance himself from his wife, Winnie

happens, it will become increasingly difficult for the public amity between the camps of the two separated Mandelas to be maintained. As with many separations and divorces, old mutual friends may not only feel themselves forced to choose sides, but

find they are poisoning relations by the very act of choosing. Certainly, the notion cherished by the ANC hierarchy that Mrs Mandela will retire from the public stage and quietlife — seems the least probable

threatened with now is nothing less than political marginalisation and, quite possibly, further public disgrace and even incarceration. Everything we know of the woman suggests that she will fight like a tiger. Already there are loud mutterings in her camp to the effect that while her husband may so far have dissuaded her from pursuing in the courts the press she hates so much. she will now feel free to sue for libel, starting perhaps with those sections of the British press which have led the story of the most recent allegations against her.

An even wider political split is possible. The impending formation of an interim government in-cluding the ANC, means that the movement will have to come off the fence on two sensitive issues: the final suspension of the armed struggle, and a movement away from the policy of sweeping nationalisation. Both issues are mainly symbolic. The ANC's "armed struggle" never amounted to much has amounted to nothing at all for two years now. But its mythology is powerful, and the formal abandonment of armed struggle will be viewed by many township radicals as tantamount to abandoning the struggle altogether, a charge to which the ANC is ex-

The commitment to nationalisation has been coming under increasing pressure as the ANC leadership has realised that it may as well wave goodbye to hopes of foreign investment if this policy is not modified. South Africa's mountainous black unemployment cannot be much reduced without a plentiful inflow of

tremely sensitive.

such investment. Thabo Mbeki. the ANC's "foreign minister". has just returned from a trip to the United States, claiming to have cleared the way for new investment by Heinz. Pepsi-Cola and other corporations, with the transparent expectation that the nationalisation policy will be dropped. But the ANC-aligned trade union federation, Cosatu, has taken up an increasingly tough line on nationalisation. as has the South African Communist party. Policy change in this area will be deeply divisive.

On top of this, the ANC elite is beginning to show every sign of embourgeoisement: large houses, expensive suits, fancy imported cars, trips to exclusing resorts and all the other account trements of wealth are proliferating as the leadership group accepts the eager embrace of the Johannesburg business world. Even Chris Hani, the leader of the Communists. thinks nothing of sending his daughter to an expensive private school, there to learn Latin and Greek as her father once did.

o doubt the constituwith it the sight of black ministers rolling up to the seat of power in Pretoria in official limousines — will be greeted with initial cuphoria by the black community. But simply changing the personnel of government will not have any recession and mass poverty. As the lesson sinks in that real as opposed to merely symbolic change will be very hard to achieve, a wave of populist discontent will be directed against the ANC's new men of power, with accusations that they have sold out

In that context, Winnie Mandela, for all that she was the first and is still perhaps the wealthiest of the new bourgeoisie, could well achieve a position as populist tribune more significant than her old role as a loose cannon on the deck.

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### ...and moreover

ere's something you didn't know. Georges Simenon never had woodworm. The great Walloon was never infested. Do you still maintain that this little corner shop of mine trades only in Were I further to point out not

only that his waste-disposal never had a spoon down it, but also that he knew a Chubb 3 R35 deadlock nightlatch when he saw one, this would probably be too much hard fact for you to absorb all at once, you would almost certainly have to go and lie down, so I shall hold back for a bit. But be warned: the big stuff is on the way. When it comes to critical theory, I do not spar. I can go 15 rounds with

Interim, the scene now shifts to Monday morning, to find me curled up with Patrick Marnham's new biography. The Man Who Wasn't Maigret: A Portrait of Georges Simenon. I read a lot of literary biography, you have to if you aspire to be a novelist, it is the best way of discovering what you need to do in order to write the sort of books you wish to emulate. I first committed myself to this 35 years ago, when I read William Faulkner (people did, then), only to discover that he had jotted his early masterpieces while working as a trawlerman, coal-heaver, oil-rigger, steeplejack and various other callings not readily on tap in the London suburbs, even if you could have fitted the Archangel run and refurbishing Salisbury spire into the A-level

timetable, so I gave up on being Faulkner and went on to being Hemingway, until I found out that I would have to run through Pamplona doing the thing with the bulls that can give you a wound down there, so then I moved on to being Scott Fitzgerald because all you had to do was drink, but it did not help me to write Gatsby, it just helped me to walk into the furniture, and that is pretty much the way things went with my fictional ambitions over the next three decades, you would be amazed what novelists have to go through, need I remind you that Trollope had to invent the pillarbox in order to fire up his muse?

But then came Monday. I had always admired Simenon — a hundred novels was it? — but I had never known how he had managed it until I read Marnham's book and discovered that Simenon had bedded 10,000 women, even though his wife claimed it was only 1,200 (did they sit down nightly with ready-reckoners and compare lists, did she cry, "I see where you've gone wrong, Georges. you've got that big Irish readhead down twice"?), but it was still enough to get the novels going, and I thought to myself, that's not so difficult, I could do that, especially when I discovered that Georges would often knock off four women in the same afternoon by going up to them in the street, palpating their breasts, and then finding a doorway, it couldn't take that long, you would be back at the typewriter by teatime.

So I out down the book and I ran upstairs to choose a seduc-tive tie, and I splashed on this terrific aftershave I have, and I was just going through the front door when Mr Elias came out of the kitchen I may have told you we are having rebuilt, and he said look at this, and it was a floorboard with a million titchy holes in, and I said what is it, and he said it is woodworm, you are infested, you will have to get Rentokil over, so I had to fix that up and wait in for on-site inspection and early estimate when I could have been out palpating, and that was Monday shot, but I made an early start on Tuesday and nearly got to the garage before Mr Elias caught p and said he could fit the new side door if I went down to Danico and got him a Chubb 3R35 deadlock nightlatch, so I drove to Swiss Cottage and I passed some really fantastic looking women on the way. many of them conveniently near doorways, but when I got home again Mr Elias said that is the wrong lock, so I drove back to Danico, and I exchanged locks, by which time it was noon, but there was still half a day until Mr Elias said there was a spoon stuck down the waste disposal, and I said can't you do it, and he said do you want this new door in or not, and by the time I had dismantled the waste disposal it was half past two, and I had to write this piece for The Times, without even one palpation to

Which is how I know that Simenon never had woodworm.

### Patten of princes

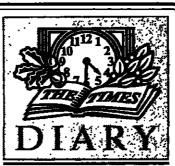
CHRIS PATTEN has been offered the governship of Hong Kong. John Major is understood to have made the offer to the party chairman as a reward for helping successive election victory.

Patten is said to be taking soundings among friends, but many of his colleagues are dismayed at the prospect of losing him from domestic politics. Friends such as Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister, are believed to have advised him against accepting the post. "It would be the end of a glittering political career," said one Conservative insider.

Yesterday, Sir Charles Powell, Mrs Thatcher's former foreign policy adviser, visited Patten at Conservative Central Office. Powell is now a senior adviser to Jardine Matheson, the international conglomerate with strong interests in Hong Kong, and he has been a key figure in negotations with Peking in the run up to the handover in 1997. Pat-

ten must have valued his advice. The governor's post is attractive. Perks include a tax-free £140.000 salary, monthly expenses of £2,800, wall-to-wall servants, the palatial Government House, plus a country home with swimming pool, a Rolls-Royce, two Daimlers and a 100 ft yacht, The Lady Maureen. The present governor, Sir David Wilson will relinquish the job at the end of the year. Other figures tipped for the job have included Sir Geoffrey Howe and David Owen. The Foreign Office last night would only say a decision was imminent. "We confidently expect it to be announced in the next two weeks but we

cannot discuss names."



 John Smith has already won one election. At the weekend he was voted vice-president of the Ramblers' Association. Smith. a confirmed munro-bagger who took up hill-walking after his heart attack, was elected at their annual conference in Ormskirk by 250 delegates — on a show of hands with not a block vote in sight.

### Dial F for service

ETON'S age-old system of "fagging" - although it is no longer officially known as such - is finally on the way out. Generations of boys who were press-ganged by their elders to run messages will have mixed feelings at the news that new technology is excusing their successors from these charac-

ter-building chores. Roderick Watson, the college bursar, insists: "Fagging was phased out twenty years ago," but those at the college more recently testify that it has continued unofficially. But now a three way partnership between Mercury, Windsor Cable Communications and the college has created a state-of-the-art switching network, using more than three miles of cable, distribution points and 250 extensions. But if the fags are now relieved of running messages, they have not escaped completely. Even

modern technology has not yet found ways to replace the call on younger boys for such essential tasks as shoe-cleaning and fetching snacks - however much Eton may insist that such practices no

### longer take place. Sons and mothers

DOROTHY TUTIN is to team up with her son for the first time on the stage, to act out a classic mother and son relationship. She is to play Madame Arkadina in The Seaguli, at the Theatre Ciwyd,

Mold, next month.

Her son Nick Waring, 24, fresh out of drama school less than a year ago, plays the part of Tryeplev, the young son who is



mother. Both insist they do not

draw on personal experience. Toby Robertson, who is directing the production, says: "Having been friends with Dottie for years, can say with all honesty their home life is nothing like the one they portray on stage. They get on very well." For Robertson, who first worked with Tutin at Chichester nearly two decades ago, it will be his swansong. There is no better way to bow out than with Dorothy Tutin," he says.

### Britain, oh yeah

A SONG for Europe may be about to take on a whole new meaning with the news that the Foreign Office is considering a pop song as Britain's anthem to mark its presi-

dency of the EC later this year. Songwriter Tony Macaulay. whose past clients include Johnny Mathis, David Soul and Elvis Presley, is hoping to add John Major to his personal hit list with Ring of Stars, which he has submitted as a possible fanfare to accompany the prime minister's official appearances during Britain's six months EC presidency. The song. described as "a caring 90s version of 'Boom Bang-a-Bang'", had its première on the BBC yesterday:

There's a bright sky tonight.
A shining ring of stars.
To light the way and guide us Through the darkness. To unite all our lives Now the chance is ours One family, one shining ring of

Officials at the Foreign Office have been humming the tune for some time, although it denies that it has already confered an official endorsement. A spokesman says: "We have not ruled out the possibility of using it if the right occassion arises, but we haven't commissioned it or funded it."

Hugh Dykes, MP, chairman of the European Movement, is in favour of a British signature tune to mark the presidency, but would be equally happy to stick with Beethoven's "Ode to Joy", recogn nised in Brussels as the official EC

Macaulay is no Beethoven, as ne proved when he wrote the song for the Queen's 60th birthday, performed for Her Majesty by the Band of the Grenadier Guards. Few who heard it will have forgotten: "We saw your car, hurrah; We saw your horse, of course, of course."

### AS THE DUST SETTLES

Rarely has an election result offered such cause for joy and bitterness. Ecstatic Tories have spent this week blaming pollsters and the media for giving them such a fright. Shattered and angry Labour and Liberal Democrat parties are blaming the same groups for raising their hopes and dashing them completely.

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In his resignation speech on Monday Neil Rinnock singled out the Tory press for attack. Certain editors, he claimed, were the architects of John Major's triumph and stood between Labour and any return to office. The Conservatives were not to be outdone. They went some way to vindicate Mr Kinnock's complaint by publicly thanking their tabloid editor friends, many of whom have been honoured for such services in the past. Meanwhile, senior Tories privately plotted their revenge against the BBC. Like great animals exhausted after a courtship battle, they twitched and roared and licked their wounds and said silly things.

As April 9, 1992, passes into history, more sober lessons will be drawn from its apparent surprises. It was an election dominated more han any by pollsters. This dominance was in part because the polls pointed to a close finish and in part because of the volume of polling undertaken. Inexperienced campaign teams abandoned the scepticism of their forebears and duly fed the media with their daily reactions.

Many Tories now claim that they knew they would win all along: the doorsteps told them so. Many others said the opposite. But then doorsteps say the same at every election. Labour and Liberal Democrat canvass returns were equally strong and suggested equal success. A voter is as likely to lie to a canvasser as to a polister. Every forecasting technique can be validated merely by showing that its prediction was right. But that is the defence of the astrologer, not the scientist. Those critics of the government who "sensed recession on the doorsteps" a year ago were reviled by Tory ministers, who told them to ignore the doorstep and listen to Treasury forecasters.

The polls had no interest in getting the result wrong. Politicians have as much reason as the polisters to find out what really hap-

pened last week: polls will remain part of the political armoury. The initial post mortems suggest that there were an unusually large number of last minute waverers; that early on these were disinclined to support the Conservatives: that at the end, the tax issue and the improved prominence of Mr Major did persuade wavering Tories to stay loyal. The Tories may have benefited from very high turnout. These movements were registered in final poll returns, but in most cases not sufficiently to give an accurate estimate of the result. Whether there was also a "deception factor" at work, further examination may reveal.

What the controversy does suggest is that the campaign was important, that apparent movements in public opinion did affect the parties' tactical decisions and that these decisions probably mattered. This is good news for campaigners, but is no vindication for any particular strategy. Labour's campaign seemed successful and the Tory campaign often a shambles. It is possible that a better Tory campaign would have yielded a bigger lead, a worse Labour campaign a worse defeat. Or the reverse could be true. The danger in drawing lessons from war is that victory invests every tactic with genius while defeat is wholly unforgiving.

Labour's vehemence against sections of the press is understandable. The tabloids have never made a secret of their, mostly pro-Tory, bias. But this is one of the great constants of British politics. The overwhelming hostility of the tabloid press did not stop Labour winning four elections in the 1960s and 70s. Whether the Tories in their turn can contain their animus against the BBC is for David Mellor and his new department to decide. The corporation is clearly in for a rough Parliament, with its charter due for renewal. Hoist on the petard of its excessive daily coverage of politics, it is bound to seem a less-than-wholly-loyal Opposition to the government of the day. But the occupational hazard of a fourth-term government is cockiness. It needs some countervailing forces ranged against it. For the time being, the BBC may rank among them. Ministers should swallow their gloating thirst for revenge. There is more important work to do.

### AN UNJUSTIFIED BAR

The end of restrictive practices in the English legal system moved a step forward yesterday with the publication of proposals to admit solicitors to the upper realms of advocacy. Barristers are to lose their monopoly of the right of audience (the right to be heard) in the High Court, the Crown Courts and above. Not all solicitors are eligible, however. The curious exception is proposed of solicitors in apployment, notably in the Crown Prosecution Service but also those working for local government or private companies. The

allowed to stand. The proposals were drawn up by a committee under Lord Griffiths, the law lord, and have yet to be approved by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who will take advice from the four senior judges. This cumbersome procedure was part of the price Lord Mackay had to pay for minimal consent from the judiciary and the Bar for his Courts and Legal Services Act of 1990. But it does give him room to manoeuvre round the Griffiths' committee proposals, room he should use.

The principle that the wall between solicitors and barristers should be demolished was enshrined in the 1990 act. The reactionary wing of the Bar has since been trying to sabotage solicitors' rights of audience in the High Court by asking for conditions which would turn solicitors into barristers in all but name. The Griffiths committee did not fall into that trap. The conditions it suggests, special training and minimum length of practice, are reasonable, except for the insistence that solicitors eligible for advocacy certificates must be in "independent" practice rather than in paid

employment.\_ The Griffiths committee argues that employed solicitors, by virtue of their employment, could not show the requisite degree of impartiality and objectivity. This is a hollow point. Solicitors in employment are subject to the same professional standards as those in private practice. If they depart from such standards the Law Society may strike them off, regardless of their employment status. And since when did independent solicitors, or indeed barristers, demonstrate such special qualities of impartiality and objectivity? They are all likewise paid to do their best for their clients, within the law.

The committee's recommendation here is embarrassingly transparent. It is directed at barristers' domain. That would defeat the central point of the 1990 act. The intention is confirmed in the Griffiths committee's reasons for wanting to exclude solicitors (and indeed employed barristers) in the CPS from advocacy in the higher courts. It fears that to allow CPS staff to conduct prosecutions in the Crown Court could discourage recruitment to this type of work among members of the Bar. This is a naked plea to protect the criminal Bar from competition. To concede this is to concede the essence of the Bar's case against the Mackay reforms, namely that advocacy was such a special skill that it

should be surrounded by restrictive practices. This case was never accepted by the Lord Chancellor nor by Parliament. It is sad to see the Griffiths committee bow to it now. But it does so with a lame proviso that once the CPS has overcome what are left of its teething troubles, the matter could be looked at again. That at least clears the way for Lord Mackay to announce after a short interval that the CPS has now overcome its troubles (as indeed it largely has) and hence its solicitors may apply henceforth for rights of audience in the higher courts. As for the criminal Bar, the work it does is stimulating and rewarding, professionally and financially. It needs no special pleading. Competition with solicitors in the same line of business can only make it better.

### **ROLL OVER, BEETHOVEN**

If only, the Brussels bureaucrats must muner, the Community was as popular as the Eurovision song contest. Every year millions tune in to the excitement of those Fimmortal words: "Yougoslavie - deux points: Italie - cinq points." Flags flutter, multilingual comperes gush and national cliches are paraded with pride. This is what qualified majority voting is all about. Here, surely, is the best argument for widening rather than deepening the Community. The polyglot extravaganza invariably ends in a fuzz of pan-European good will. If song can achieve so much, what need of Maastricht?

Just such a thought has now occurred to Tony Macaulay, a popular song writer whose earlier ocuvres have included compositions for David Soul, Elvis Presley and the Hollies. Observing that the calendar will soon nand the EC presidency to Britain, he has shrewdly calculated that there is money to be made from Europhilia, soon to be officially sanctioned in Downing Street.

The Foreign Office has done its bit in promulgating a charming logo. Rory the lion, striding friskily into the heart of Europe. There will be fireworks and feasting, bonfires and even a Europrom. But until now there was no catchy song, nothing to set the country numming. "Ring of Stars" now

offers to fill the gap. Europe already has its anthem, the Ode to Joy But isn't Beethoven too fuddly-duddy for today's exciting new single market? It will do for those occasions when treaties are signed.

But if pop stations can be persuaded to play Mr Macaulay's composition, Britain will surely be seen by its partners as truly communautaire and Mr Macauley will be coining it.

The theory is fine. The British are suckers for trinkets, baubles and ditties. Kitsch may be a German word, but nowhere are its manifestations as frequent as in Britain. The forthcoming presidency of the Community should produce a fine crop. But production does not mean endorsement. Miniature Eiffel towers and plastic Parthenons are the detritus of the tourist market; they do not carry a seal of approval from Paris or Athens.

The government has already gone dangerously down the path of Euro-symbolism, swallowing the pap pushed out to feed the spurious patriotism of Identikit European man. But it has drawn the line at Mr Macaulay's anthem, properly realising that endorsement would open the way to every seller of snake-oil. Symbolism can outlast the occasion for which it was created: the Olympics are still stuck with the rings, the torch and the ceremonial appropriate for Berlin in 1936 but whose origins are

embarrassingly today. Not all countries are as enthused about European unity today as they were four months ago. Britain's partners may not wax lyrical about the shining stars "to guide us through the darkness". Perhaps they would prefer something by John Cage: 4' 33" minutes of complete silence?

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Choosing Labour's next leader; verdicts on Kinnock . . . A sea phoenix in From Lord McIntosh of Haringey

Sir. As a member of the parliamentary Labour party in the House of Lords, I have no more say in the election of the next leader of the Labour party than any other memher of my constituency Labour party. But I hope that I am not alone in

thinking that the electoral college system, with 40 per cent of votes going to trade unions, stitched together when the Labour party was at the depths of hard-left influence, is entirely inappropriate for today.

I will not vote for any candidate for the leadership who will not undertake in advance to press for election to be by "one member one vote" at the next conference; and to re-submit himself or herself for re-election by democratic ballot.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW MCINTOSH, House of Lords. April 13.

From Mr Humphry Berkeley Sir, I pay tribute to Neil Kinnock's brilliant leadership of the Labour party which you rightly compare to that of Hugh Gaitskell (leading article, April 14).

The Labour party does, however, need to look at its method of choosing a leader. Until recently, the leader was chosen by members of Parliament through means of a secret ballot. In the early 1980s an electoral college was set up which gave members of Parliament and constituency parties, each, 30 per

Sir, It is not the rules of our electoral

system that have produced four suc-cessive victories for the Conser-

vatives, but their skill in exploiting

The simple-majority system puts a

premium on party unity. Even at the

height of the battle between "wets" and "dries" in the early 1980s the Conservatives were sensible enough

People who really want to oust the

Conservatives do not need to em-

brace all the distractions of electoral

reform; they simply need to get together under the existing electoral

system. This means returning to the

Liberal party's successful strategy of

1903-14: forming an electoral pact

to maximise the anti-Conservative

vote by putting up in each constit-uency only the anti-Conservative candidate who is most likely to win.

A decision to take this course

would of course require courage and

imagination from whoever leads Labour and the Liberal Democrats,

tages: it would be less likely to

postpone until after the next general

election the possibility of ousting the

Conservatives: and it would preserve

a simple-majority electoral system

that in itself has great advantages.

and accords with our parliamentary

Our electoral system maximises

the political impact of the voter by minimising the role of politicians

and party activists in determining

the party make-up of the govern-

From the President of the Society of

Sir, An alliance between the inde-

pendent and maintained sectors of

the education system is not readily

envisaged. Yet the Chairman of the

Headmasters' Conference (letter,

April 11) articulates so well the con-

cerns that those responsible for man-

agement in the maintained sector

have been expressing for some time.

In preparing his agenda, a new Secretary of State for Education

should reflect on the importance of

teamwork and partnership in secur-

ing complex and long-term goals.

The divisions almost deliberately

created through recent legislation

**Education standards** 

and national traditions.

Education Officers

would have two major advan-

From Dr Brian Harrison

never to split.

cent of the vote and trade unions 40 per cent. In my view, there can be no justification for this highly artificial

The historic links between the Labour party and the trade unions are well known and understood. I believe that, in future, every paid-up member of the party should have a vote in choosing its leader. This procedure would, of course, include all party members who belong to a trade union.

Yours faithfully. HUMPHRY BERKELEY. Three Pages Yard, Chiswick, W4. April 14.

From Mr John Fingleton

Sir, Despite the almost eulogistic paeans of praise now being heaped from certain quarters on Neil Kinnock, surely nothing was so unbecoming of his holding office as his leaving of it.

his leaving of it.
I found his statement at Labour's Walworth Road HQ in the early hours of Friday undignified and bitter; his press statement on Monday petulant and unpleasant.

Perhaps he has overlooked the

incontrovertible fact that more than 60 per cent of those who voted expressed their preference for a political system and government other than his. Yours faithfully,

... wily Tories, shrinking Lib Dems and vote switching

party system coalitions of a relatively

stable kind; and disperses relatively

widely throughout the community a

concern with governmental and par-

out that Britain was operating the

simple-majority system in times of

great national prosperity long before

parliamentary government had been securely established in many of the

European countries whose elector 1

Sir. In spite of an excellent performance by Paddy Ashdown, coupled with enormous media coverage, the election results still showed the

Liberal Democrat party to be in

decline, with its share of the vote

falling from 26 per cent in 1983 to

23 per cent in 1987 and now to only

centre space of the political spectrum

that the party occupies has become

progressively smaller as the Labour

party has moved sharply to the right

and the Conservatives under John

Major have softened the radical

approach of Thatcherism. The ideo-

logical gap between the parties has

Without proportional representa-tion it is unlikely that the Liberal

will dissipate the potential energy of

the collective mass. The result will be

a waste of much talent and expertise.

and educational deprivation for the

more important for a government

genuinely to listen to the voice of the

people. Never has a Secretary of

State had a better opportunity to

harness the good will of those who

would seek to be partners with him.

Yours faithfully, KEITH ANDERSON, President,

Society of Education Officers.

virtually disappeared.

less fortunate.

The explanation is surely that the

systems we are now urged to imit

It is also perhaps worth pointing

liamentary priorities.

Yours sincerely, BRIAN HARRISON,

Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

From Mr Adrian Bazar

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18 per cent.

JOHN FINGLETON, 19 York House, Upper Montagu Street, W1. April 14.

From Mr Richard A. Lea

Sir, So, now we know. Mr Kinnock's election defeat was all the fault of the wicked Tory press. He might, how-ever, have balanced his comments by acknowledging the unwavering sup-port he has received throughout from the BBC.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD A. LEA, 9 Jacobean Lane, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands. April 14.

From Mr John E. Harvey Sir. Mr Kinnock's attack on the press suggests that experience has made him no wiser.

Basildon man may not necessarily buy The Sun for its political opinions. The Financial Times? No comment by Mr Kinnock on its support for Labour.

Yours sincerely, JOHN E. HARVEY, Great Elm, 43 Traps Hill. Loughton, Essex.

From Mr Brian Matthews Sir. If Labour lost the election as a result of a perverse Tory press, why has Mr Kinnock resigned? Yours faithfully, BRIAN MATTHEWS,

political force, unless of course the

left wing of the Labour party were to

stage a come-back and reshape the policies of that party.

15/17 Netherhall Gardens, NW3.

Sir, The Liberal Democrats have

only themselves to blame for their

In their determination to extin-

guish the Social Democratic party, to

impose a single Liberal-dominated force in place of the "Alliance" (and

to exclude from that force anyone

who would not join it on their terms)

they ensured the conversion of many

That, combined with their foolish

failure to hold firm to the 1987

position, insisted upon by the SDP.

that, in a hung Parliament, the proper thing to do was to negotiate

first, and on a clearly laid down set of

policy principles, with whichever of

the other parties had the largest number of MPs.

After all the "footsy" he played

with Labour in 1992 no wonder the

electors thought Paddy Ashdown

Yours faithfully, MIKE THOMAS (SDP National

9 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2.

would let Neil Kinnock in.

Thatcher legacy?

From Mr Andrew Berkeley

Committee 1981-90),

SDP supporters to other parties.

Sadlers, High Street, Burwash, East Sussex.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN BAZAR,

21 Imperial Towers.

From Mr Mike Thomas

electoral misfortune.

April 13.

ment; establishes through the two- Democrats will ever be an important.

### St Mary Axe? From Mr M. B. F. Ranken

Sir. Your photograph yesterday showed the wreck of the Chamber of Shipping, serving British shipping (not so long ago the largest national-flag fleet in the world) and headquarters of several international shipping associations. Your main report stated that the Chamber and the Baltic Exchange, a Grade 2 1903 listed building next door, are likely to be demolished.

The Baltic, housing the world's only international shipping ex-change, is a vital element in maintaining London's position as the commercial centre of world shipping; it is the fifth largest contributor to the City's invisible earnings. bringing in £665 million in 1990.

Today is the 80th anniversary of the Titanic disaster, out of which grew the first International Convention on Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS). Today, this is one of many safety conventions administered from London by the International Maritime Organisation, the only UN specialised agency to which the United Kingdom plays host.

Is this not the moment to suggest that the Chamber and the Baltic get together to build themselves a new. superbly equipped world shipping business centre? As well as housing the Chamber and the Baltic (honefully saving as much as they can from their old buildings) it could offer accommodation and superb communications and facilities to other international maritime bodies, as well as to owners, brokers, lawyers and others who operate ships and serve world maritime trade.

Let something worthwhile arise out of these wrecks, too, to take us into a brave new century, when world trade and the world fleet to carry it are both certain to grow - economically and one hopes ever more safely.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL RANKEN (Secretary, The Parliamentary Maritime Group), 44 Castelnau Mansions, Castelnau, Barnes, SW13. April 14.

### From Miss Lynnet Gale-Vine

Sir. The shipping industry in London is totally devastated. To us who work at the Baltic Exchange there is more involved in last Friday's outrage than just the loss of a trading floor and of our beautiful building: the heart of the London shipping

market has been wiped out. Commercially, the worst hit are obviously the companies whose offices were destroyed in the blast. We are a small industry, though, and ou natural competitiveness has been channelled into assisting each other: any company with available space has been offering temporary accommodation to those affected. Business yesterday was generally under way remarkably quickly, with telexes circulating information by midmorning as to who could be conracted at which company.

It was heartening yesterday to hear of brokers, some coming in from miles outside the City, determined to make their way as close to the Baltic as the police cordons would allow, at the normal time for trading. The Exchange will be restored but the scars will be with us for a long time. both for us as an industry and for all of those injured and killed on Friday. I had friends amongst them.

Yours faithfully, L. K. GALE-VINE. 24 Berkeley Road, Barnes, SW13. April 14.

Rail crossing safety

### Those most closely involved have realised that education is at a of Parliament. crossroads of crisis. Never has it been

Sir. Seen from Finchley, the election result was very simple to understand. It was won by our outgoing member 1. The inherited majority was too

large to be overcome in a single 2. Having tasted economic freedom. many of the electorate did not wish to rise from the table.

Yours faithfully, A. BERKELEY 49 Arden Road. Finchley, N3. April 12.

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Bosnia appeal From Lord Hylton

Sir, President Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina (report, April 11) ap-pealed to the world for help for his newly-recognised country. He cited the need to prevent genocide. His appeal is the more credible because he is someone who has practised power-sharing, who respects the rights of minorities and whose policy of independence has been confirmed by a fair referendum.

Safe havens are likely to be needed for all sections of the population of Bosnia. The experience in Croatia since last summer shows how acute local conflict can generate massive humanitarian needs. The local representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and journalists on the spot, have confirmed the seriousness of the situation.

I trust that Europe and the wider world will respond to the president's appeal rapidly and in strength. Air cover and naval support would make possible rapid del 'oyment on land of the United Nations peacekeeping force. They would also deter further attacks by Yugoslav aircraft, tanks and artillery. Continuing violence in south-eastern Europe is in the interests of no one and could indeed exacerbate other conflicts. The last thing we want is genocide in Europe. Yours faithfully. HYLTON. House of Lords.

April 13.

### Monster fungus

Education Department,

Shire Hall, Gloucester.

April 13.

From Dr Oliver Rackham

Sir, The Toronto and Michigan scientists are rightly proud of finding an individual of honey-fungus (Armillaria bulbosa) covering 15 hectares (report, April 2). But this is one of many plants that form clones, that is, that spread out by roots, underground stems or other vegetative parts in ever-widening circles from a point of origin. Given that each of these is a single organism, it is not easy to decide which is the world's largest, heaviest, or oldest.

I had the privilege of helping the late Dr John Rishbeth to map clones of Armillaria in Bradfield Woods, Suffolk; we found one not much smaller than that in Michigan. though we did not try to weigh it.

### Infection from dogs From Mr Keith Butt

Sir, The fear of any child becoming infected with toxocariasis through contact with dog faeces is an emotive one. In his excellent article (Medical Briefing. April 3) Dr Thomas Stuttaford confirms the medical view that toxocarial infection actually poses little threat to a child's health and, contrary to popular belief, the risk of any such infection is exaggerated.

taken from areas close to the park

Among trees, a clone of suckering elm used to cover nearly five hectares

formed by bracken; a single bracken organism may well cover tens of hectares. And what of other countries? Will not an Indian put in a bid for a banyan clone as the world's largest organism? Yours faithfully,

OLIVER RACKHAM, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

Parents may be further reassured by the results of an analysis carried out last week on ten randomly-selected superficial soil samples from Kensington Gardens, including some

in Hayley Wood, Cambridgeshire; it was a single root-system to which hundreds of big elm-trees were attached, and would have weighed more than 100 tons. Elm disease and deer have left little of these elms, but an elm clone nearly as big is still alive in Overhall Grove near by. Bigger clones still are probably

### gates where dogs routinely defecate. In none of these was any trace of Toxocara canis present, in spite of

the fact that the eggs of this parasite can remain in the soil for years. The only worm egg found was a strongyloid (horseworm), possibly caused by police horses which use the park but in any event not a health threat.

Yours faithfully, KEITH BUTT. Kynance Veterinary Clinic. 8 Kynance Mews, SW7.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

From Dr D. J. Dunstan

Sir. The simplest way to prevent drivers zig-zagging around halfbarriers at railway crossings, while avoiding trapping cars between full barriers (report, April 6; letters, April 10, 14), is to make the road dualcarriageway across the crossing.

This could be done using a kerb or low wall as a divider, perhaps a foot or so high except just at the rails where it might be limited to a few inches high depending on the clearance of the trains. In contrast to the engineering solutions proposed, this requires no replacement of any of the level-crossing equipment. Yours sincerely.

DAVID DUNSTAN, University of Surrey. Physics Department, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH. April 14.

### Watching watchdogs

From Mr James M. B. Burn Sir, In these days of audit and accountability, consumer protection and customer charters, who mon-itors the watchdogs?

I wrote to the Post Office Users National Council last April and received an acknowledgement promising a full reply. Three months later my reminder elicited the response that they were very busy, but a proper reply would be sent "in the near

This week is the first year's anniversary of my original lener: and still no reply. Perhaps it was lost in the post.

Yours faithfully, JAMES M. B. BURN, White House, The Frenches. East Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire. April 13.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 14: The Rt Hon Tom King,
MP. had an audience of The
Queen today, delivered up the
Seals of Office and took leave
upon relinquishing his appointment as Secretary of State for
Defence, when Her Majesty
invested him with the Insignia of
a Member of the Order of
Companions of Honour.

The Lady Abel Smith has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** April 14: The Duke of York today attended a luncheon with Her Majesty's Judges at the Central Criminal Court, London WC2. His Royal Highness this evening presented the Royal Aero Chub Medals and Awards at the Lansdowne Club, Fitzmaurice

Place, London WI. The Duke of York subsequently presented the 1992 Young Electronic Designer Awards at the Science Museum, South Ken-sington, London SW7, and was

received by the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea (Councillor Mrs Frank Taylor).

Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in

CLARENCE HOUSE April 14: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Queen Alexandra the Queen Alexandra Hospital Home, Gifford House,

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Maiesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 14: The Prince of Wales. Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, this morning received the Colonel Commandant, General Sir John Learmont and the Director, Major General Simon

His Royal Highness, Colonelin-Chief. Cheshire Regiment, subsequently received Brigadier Keith Prosser on relinquishing the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment, and Brigadier James Percival on assuming the

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Rainbow Boats Trust, this after-noon visited Stroudwater Canal and the Willow Boat Trust, Stroud, Gloucestershire, Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance.

### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph at 11.00 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the award of the George oss to the Island of Maita.

The Prince of Wales as President of The Prince's Trust, will attend a discussion and presentation from the Trust's volunteers at the BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol, at

The Duke of York will attend the Falklands anniversary reception at the Imperial War Museum at

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Carpenter and Paterson and Floform at Welshpool, at 11.15; Control Techniques, Newtown, at 12.35 and Handcast Designs at 2.10.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Master of the Bench, this evening dined with the Treasurer and Past Treasurers of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn.
Mrs Robin Benson and Major

The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 14: The Duke of Glouces

this morning opened the exhibition "Castles in Northamptonshire" at Rockingham Castle, Rockingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lordutenant for Northamptonshire

(Mr John Lowther).
In the afternoon His Royal
Highness visited the Sue Ryder
Home, Thorpe Hall, Peterborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Vice Lord-Lieu for Cambridgeshire (Mr James

rowden). Later The Duke of Gloucester, President, the Cancer Research Campaign, visited the Cancer Research Campaign Shop at 22

Westgate, Peterborough.

In the evening The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present at the Annual Gala Dinner of the Consular Corps of London at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, London SW1.
Major Nicholas Barne and Miss Suzanne Marland were in

attendance. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 14: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, today visited the 1st Battalion, Hohne, Germany. Captain the Hon Tom Coke

was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 14: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Glasgow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mrs Susan Baird, the Right Hon the Lord Provost). Her Royal Highness visited the Burrell Collection, Pollok Country

Princess Alexandra, Patron subsequently opened the new Veterinary Centre of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals at

Muiryfauld Drive. Finally Her Royal Highness, President of Sight Savers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind), attended a Reception held

by the Scottish Council at the City Chambers.
The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

### Reception

Commission For The New Towns A reception was held last night at Guildhall, in the presence of the Right Hon The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Brian Jenkins, GBE, and the Sheriffs, to mark the 30th anniversary of the Commission for the New Towns. The hosts were the Chairman, Sir Neil Shields, MC, and members of the Board. Among the guests were civic leaders and officers of the 21 English New Towns together with Members of Parliament, representatives from overseas embassies, commerce and the property sector.

Earl St Aldwyn

A service of thanksgiving for the Life and Work of Michael John Hicks Beach, Earl St Aldwyn, will be held in St Margaret's Church. Westminster Abbey, on Wednes-day, June 10, 1992, at 11.30am. Tickets are not required. All are



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Sir Yehudi Menuhin yesterday unveiled a new portrait of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother commissioned from Andrew Festing by the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, of which the Queen Mother is patron

### Archaeology

### Maya medallion man unearthed

BY NORMAN HAMMOND. ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH team of archaeologists working in Belize has discovered one of the earliest known pieces of Maya art. A small bone mask worn as a pectoral ornament or chest medallion has a stylised visage which may combine human with jaguar features.

The mask was found on the chest of a burial dating to about 500 BC, at the early Maya settlement of Cuello in northern Belize. It was carved from part of a skull, possibly human, and is about three inches wide. The snarling mouth shows a set of central teeth, with large gaps at the sides, and was pierced right through the bone.

The upper and lower orbits of the eyes were also pierced, although the pupils were only partly drilled sockets. Two small jade beads found nearby might have been inserted as pupils. Both eyes and mouth are enclosed within cartouches, leaving the nose defined as a blank area of bone between. Two suspension holes in the forehead show that the mask was intended as a pendant.

Although humanoid jaguar

Mexican art of the first millennium BC, especially among the Olmec of the Gulf Coast region who flourished between 900 and 400 BC, the Maya area has not hitherto yielded anything this early or elaborate. The burial, of a mature

images are not uncommon in

man, was accompanied by three pottery vessels which allow it to be dated to around 2,500 years ago. Four carved bone tubes were also found, strung around his waist like a belt. One of these bears an interlace design which the later Classic Maya called the pop motif; it was a symbol of royal power, derived from the woven mat used as a throne.

The carved bones are being restored by Mr Jim Spriggs at the conservation laboratory of the York Archaeological Trust: the mask was found in nearly 30 fragments, and two of the tubes were crushed in the ground. Mr Spriggs, who helped to excavate the carvings this spring, will take them back to Belize in 1993 to join the collection in the new national museum in Belmopan, the capital.

### **Eton College**

Eton College opens today for the Summer Half. W.T.C. Pryor, KS, continues as Captain of the School and M.B. Swire, OS, as Captain of the Oppidans. There will be four performances of West Side Story in the Farrer Theatre from May 21-24. The CCF Tattoo will be on May 26, and the Fourth of June will be celebrated on May 27. Long Leave is from May 27-31. The Winchester match will be at Winchester on June 13, the Harrow match at Lord's on Wednesday, June 24. School closes on June 26.

### Royal Caledonian Ball

Tickets for the Royal Caledonian Ball, which is being held on Thursday, May 7, are still available at £48.00 from The Secretary, The Old Manse, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 6EX. Telephone 0264-810363.

### St George's Day Service

Staff and students, past and present, are invited to attend the annual St George's Day Service in the Chapel at St George's ing, on April 23. Please note a change of time to 5pm. All are welcome to attend the reception afterwards.

### St Paul's School

The Governors of St Paul's School have appointed Mr Stephen Baldock, MA, as High Master to succeed Canon Peter Pilkington, who retires in July 1992 prior to becoming Chairman of the Broadcasting Complaints Com-mission. Mr Baldock, who has been Surmaster at St Paul's since 1984, will take up the post in September 1992.

### A Scottish drama

### Crofters make the skinheads wait

proudly proclaiming that the show must go on, but to the tiny crofting community of Skerray, on the northern Scottish coast, it is the season's new lambs that are

of the village hall committee, who organised the theatre' company's visit, said: "The entire audience are crofters ind their families. The lambing season has just started and if the play had started at 8pm the actors would have been performing to an empty hall while everyone was in the fields. It is important to keep a careful watch on the lambs and the sheep as they are such an

community." In such an inhospitable climate it was essential to keep a regular eye on the sheep and lambs. Although the sun was shining late yesterday, April

### By KERRY GILL

IT IS all very well actors

of most importance. Last night members of the Edinburgh-based Mandela theatre company, who began a tour of the Highlands, were forced to put back the premiere of The Dorm by half an hour to accommodate one of the necessities of country living: the traditional check on the flock before nightfall.

Gavin Lockhart, a member important element in this

weather in the area can turn to snow within minutes. Mr Lockhart said darkness fell at about 8.30 and everyone would rush back from the

fields to watch the play.

The play might have been something of a culture shock to the crofters. The Dorm is about five juvenile delinquents in a young offenders' institution. After it was learned that the language was fairly offensive someone decided that a warning to this effect should be placed on the bills advertising the play. Mr Lockhart said: "Someone else should have pointed out that the language would be no vorse than that

heard from the crofters dur-

ing lambing."

tural links with the outside world. The crofting families are among the most welcoming to touring companies bringing theatre and music to the far-flung community. For instance, it was the first time that the crofters welcomed skinheads into their homes. Mr Lockhart said: "The company is staying in the village. They all arrived in costume as five skinheads. It was the first time people had even seen a bunch of skinheads wander-

ing about the village."

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr.A.P. Ashby
and Miss N.J. Barrett
The engagement is announced
between Andrew Paul, only son of
Mr and Mrs Len Ashby. of
Upperton, Brightwell Baldwin.
Oxfordshire, and Nichola Jane.
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
Tim Rayrett of Culham Manor. Tim Barrett, of Culham Manor.

Abingdon.

Mr J.K. Dewar and Miss H.L. Barday The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Dr A.K. Dewar, of Brockenhurst. Hampshire, and of Mrs K. Wood, of Sparsholt, Hampshire, and Henrietta. daughter of Mr and Mrs C.F.R. Barclay, of Painswick.

Mr T.C.K. Hyde

Mr T.C.K. Hyde and Miss T.R. Ladford The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Pener Hyde, of York, and Tamzyn, eldest daughter of Mr Jeremy and Dr Cynthia Ludford, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr LW. Walker

and Mrs S.C. Chinon
The engagement is announce en Ian, son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Walker, of St Mary's Platt. Kent, and Sarah, daughter of the Rev D.C. Maple and Mrs G.E. Maple of Canterbury, Kent.

### Marriage

Mr A.S. Mainds and Mrs L.M. Cameron
The marriage took place on April
11, in Quainton, Buckinghamshire, of Mr Sam Mainds, son of Mrs Mainds and the late Mr George Mainds to Mrs Lavinia Cameron, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Prideaux.

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### Birthdays today

Mr Jeffrey Archer, author, 52;
Dame Jocelyn Barrow, deputy
chairman, Broadcasting Standards Council, 63; Sir Kenneth
Bioomfield, civil servant, 61;
Group Captain David Bolton,
director, Royal United Services
Institute for Defence Studies, 60;
Sir Adrian Cadbury, former
chairman, Cadbury Schwerpes, chainnan, Cadbury Schweppes, 63; Miss Claudia Cardinale, ac-63; Miss Claudia Cardinale, actress, 54; Sir Richard Evans, diplomat, 64; Lord Grey of Naumon, 82; Sir Neville Marriner, conductor, 68; Professor C.D. Marsden, neurologist, 54; Sir Peter Menzies, former, chairman, Electricity Council, 80; Mr A.J.P. Rockman, Joint Consultants Committee, 57; Earl Consultants Committee, 57; Earl Russell, 55; Sir Maurice Shock, rector, Lincoln College, Oxford, 66; Sir Leslie Smith, former chairman, BOC Group, 73; Mr G.H. Stafford, former master, St Cross College, Oxford, 72; Miss Emma Thompson, actress, 33; Miss Meriol Trevor, author, 73; Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, President of Germany, 72; Dame Susan Walker, former vice-chair-man, WRVS, 86; Sir Douglas Wass, civil servant, 69.

### Latest wills

Dame Peggy Asheroft, of Hangs-stead, the actress, left estable valued at 6814,395 net. She left a Sickett to the Tate Gallery. Other estates include (net, before

ex paid: Margaret Rosemarie Coleman, of Bayswater .....£1,352,675. Miss Evelyn Marjorie Ellis, of Solihull, West Midlands E1,154,010. Mrs Mary Theresa Jackson, of Reigate, Surrey ...... £1,799,353.

Mr Albert Tatanan, of Barking, Essex 5977,244
Mr Hussain Buksh Khokher, of
Bayswater 51,368,861
Mr Alex Edward Piper, of Playden, East Sussex £1,321,186.

### Telephone 071 481 4000

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Telefax 071 782 7827

For as through the disobedi-ence of one man many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one man many will be made righteous. Romans 5: 19 BIRTHS

BLAKSLEY - On April 13th 1992. to Sally Anne (née Deller) and Richard, a son. Thomas Percival.

CAFFYN - On April 12th
1992, to Sarah (nèe Wergan)
Thomas

COURTORS DUVERGER - On April 9th, to Sophie (née Cultis) and Didler, a son, a brother for Amelia.

DALRYMPLE - On April 9th. to Harriet (née Buxion) and Michael. a son. William Hew. MILCHARD. B SORT. WILLIAM HEW.

GANDY - On April 14th. to
Joannie and William. a son.

Matthew Richard. a brother
to Beth.

GOFF - On April 13th in
Norwich. to William and
Elizabeth (née Freeland), a
daughter. Flora Clare.

son. Max Paul Gerasim.
PEASE - On April 14th 1992.
to Lucy time Stater; and Alexander. a daughter.
Claudia Catherine Anne.
PETRI - On April 11th 1992.
to Helen and Charles a daughter, isabel, a sister for Frorance

TOLTON - On April 11th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Brian and Liz. a daughter, Louise Amelia

daughter, babel, a sheer for Florence

SMALLMAN - On March 18th to Godfrey and Heten, God's gift of a son, John Donald, a brother for Georgina.

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WEST - On March 24th, in Blundelisands, to Virginia (nee Burke) and Alan, a daughter, Madalen Elizabeth Rosie, a sister for Eleanor and Laurence.
WIEGMAN - On April 10th, to Gall (née Fleming) and Albert a son. Thomas Charles.

DEATHS

BELL - On April 13th 1992.
after an illness bravely borne
et Amersham Hospital. W.
Dennis, much loved husband
of Freda and dearest father
of Michael and David.
Funeral Service at St Mary's
Church, Chesham, 10,30 am
on Tuesday April 21st.
Family flowers only. No
letters please. Donations if
wished to the Guide Dogs for
the Blind of St Mary's.
Chesham, to Cooks Funeral
Services, Chesham.
BLAGEROUGH - On April
13th 1992. Marjorie Lucie.
aged 78 years. Widow of
Samuel and beloved mother
of David and Paul, Funeral
Service at Colders Green
Cremetorium, London, on
Tuesday April 21st at 12
noon.
CHRISTIE - On April 12th.

COLOUHOUN - On April 12th 1992, suddenly al home. Joseph Robert, much loved father of lan and grandfather, who will be saddy missed. Service will be held in Enfield Crematorium on Tuesday April 21st at 2.30 pm Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation. 25 Church Street. Saffron Walden. Essex CB10 LJW.

DEATHS DALLAS - On April 13m. peacefully at home with her family. Marfore Elleen, dear wife of the late William Thomas, beloved mother of Robert, Michael, Gregor and Caroline, mother-in-law to Lone. Susan and Geoffrey, grandmother to Else. Harriet, Emily, Catherine, Edward, James and Joseph. She will be greatly missed by all her family and her many friends. Fumen Service at 20m on Thursday April 16th at St Marry's Parish Church, Pulborough, Family flowers only, please, Donations may be made to St Marry's Church Restoration Fund and Douglas Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o F/D W. Bryder &

Restoration Fund and Douglas Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o F/D W. Bryder & Sons. Tillington, ar. Petworth, W. Sussex (0798) 42174.

DUNN - On Sunday April 12th tafter a long period of filmess) Frank Marven M.B.B.S. husband of Elizabeth and father of Guy. Stephen, Justin and Rory Much loved and missed by all his family. Funeral Service at St Matthew's Avenue. Surbition at 2 pm on Tuesday April 21st. followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations if desired in his memory to Royal National Lifeboat Institution (Surbition branchy. Enquiries to Garners Funeral Service 1081) 390-4996.

FITZGERALD - On April 13th 1992, peacefully in Sydney, Australia, Charles Palrick aged 90, decoded husband of the late Sara and loving father of Mirabel, Anthea and the late Nicola.

FRASER - On April 9th. Str-Basii Fraser Baronet, beloved uncle of Charmian and great-uncle of Ewan, he will be sadily missed by all his friends in Deal. Monaco, London and elsewhere. Funeral at 11 am on April 23rd. at Barham Crematorium Flowers to Cavell & Son. Albert Road. Deal. Kent tel: 0304-373275.

HALL - On April 11th, Unity MALL - On April 11th. Unity Tanzier. aged 63. prectous wife of Philip Wrack. Funeral at Putney Vale Cemetery on April 21st at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to Queen Mary's University Hospital. Rochampton Lane. London SW15.

DEATHS HiNDE - On April 13th 1992, peacefully after a short illness. Michael Langford, aged 36 years. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Hinde and a much loved father and grandfather. Formerly of the Bank of England Service Requietn Mass at St Edward's Church, keymer. West Subsex. on Tuesday April 21st at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations. If desired, for St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley, may be sent to Caurier uses a Hospite, Crawley, may be sent to Frank Davey & Co., 31 High Street. Hurstplerpoint BN6 9TT, tel: 10273) 832179.

JONES - On Monday April 13th 1992, at the West Camberland Hospital, peacefully after a sudden illines, Wyndham Charles Jones, aged 58 years, beloved husband of Alice, dear father of Amanda and Nicola, dear stenfather of Simon and Pelham and devoled employee of Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons Lid. Service and Interment at Halle Church, Egremoni, on Thursday April 16th at 11am. Flowers welcome

LYTE - On April 10th, peacefully in her sleep in her 94th year. Rose Doreen Faith (Bunjle-Cls), wife of the late Captain E.F.N. Lyte, much loved mother of Ben. Judy, Nevill and devoted grandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral Service all crematorium at 11.30 am on Wednesday, April 22nd. No flowers but donations if wednesday April 22nd. No flowers but donations if wished to. The Royal British Legion. c/o Gould & Chapman Funeral Directors Ltd.. Avenue House. Headley Road. Grayshott. Hindhead. Surrey GU26 6TL.

MENDHAM - On April 13th, peacefully in hospital after a long lilness borne with great courage. Gerald Ernest Anthons. J.P. aged 54 Beloved husband of Audrey, dearty loved father and grandlather. deeply mourned by family and friends. Et in arcadia Egot Funeral at 2.50 pm April 22nd at Woodford Green United Free Church, followed by cremation at City of London Crematorium Familiy flowers only, but donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

DEATHS DEATHS MILES - On April 13th 1992, peacefully al home in Ealing, Mirvan George, born in Mussoorie India 1904. A very dear friend of Teresa and Richard Darowski and beloved godfather of Adam. He will be sadly missed by all who losed him. Funeral on April 23rd 1992, Ealing Abbey at 12 noon, followed by interment at Greenford Cemelery. All enquiries to W.S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond Street, Ealing W.S. tel: (081) 567-0422.

MILFORD-GATEFIELD - On April 11th. after a long and panful illness. Ronald. Funeral at Sidmouth Catholic Church on Thurday April 16th at 11 am MOORE - On April 12th 1992, peacefully at Northwick Park Hospital. Winifred Margarel. aged 86, widow of 12 Merce a 1812 a worker. MILES - On April 13th 1992

Park Hospital. Winifred Margaret. aged 86, widow of J.R. Moore. ARIBA. mother of Shuart. Robin and Jennifer and the late David. grandmother of Stuart and Lyndal in Sydney. and James, Clare and Elizabeth in London. PATTERSON - On April 11th 1992. The Right Reverend Certi John Patterson C.M.G. C.B.E., D.D., former Archbishop of West Africa, aged 84 Funeral Service for family and friends at St. Luke's Church. Kew. on

Archishop of West Africa, aged 84 Funeral Service for family and friends at St Luke's Church. Kew. on Wednesday April 22nd at 1.30 pm. followed by private burdal. Donations in lieu of flowers, please, to CMS A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at a later date. All enquiries to (081) 876-4675 ROBEY - On April 11th 1992. In Worthing, Patricia Mary. aged 81 years, daughter of the late Ernest Robey and Pattle Robey (nee Maughfling). Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium. Findon. Sussex. on Wednesday April 22nd at 11.40 am. Donations to Leukaemia Research Fund C/o H.D. Tribe Ltd. 130 Broadwater Road. Worthing. Sussex BN14 8HU. let: (1993) 234516
STEELE - On April 8th. John Henry, aged 82 years, formerly of Horsham, Sussex, dearly toxed faither of Martin and Lindsay funeral loads; at Enfeld Crematorium at 1.30 pm. WATNIRS. On April 11th 1992. Lestie Vincent. aged 89 years, of Horsell, Woking and formerty of Kempshoft, Basingstoke Devoted husband of Else Margaret.

and formerty of Kempshort, Basinesioke Devoted husband of Elsie Margaret, much respected and loved father of Armond and Shella Usekson) and grandiather of Nicholas, Christopher, Jenny and David, lather-in-law of Shirley and William Funeral at Aldershot Cremafortum. Thursday: Amel 16th at 16th at 16th. Thursday April 16th at 12 30 pm. Flowers to Cyril H Lovegrove. 32 Guildford Road, Woking, Surrey.

Wilkinson - On Palm Sunday, at home (Elizabeth) Jill inée Foley 171. A devoted and loved wife, stepmother and steparandmother. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Tuesday April 21st at 11.30. No flowers, Donations in memoriam to The Care Foundation, Sandhurst Rd., Tunbridge Wells TN2 3JS.

ZVEGINTZOV - On April 13th. quickly and quietly. The Hon. Mrs Rachet Kathleen. Fumeral Service at St Mary's Church. Liss. Hants.. at 3 pm on Wednesday April 22nd followed by private cremation. Family flowers only: donations if desired to Treloar Trust. c/o Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd.. 19 The Square, Petersfield. Hants.. tel. (0730) 262711

MEMORIAL SERVICES EVANS OF CLAUGHTON - A
Memorial Service for the life Memorial Service for the life of Lord Evans of Claughton will be held at St Saviour's Church. Bidston Road. Oxion, Wirral, on Thursday April 23rd 1992 at 2.16 pm. PRYOR - A Memorial Service for the life of Verona Beatrice will be held on Thursday April 30th at 12 noon. St George's Church, Hanover Square, London.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE BEDDIS - Rex. on 15th April 1988. Remembered with love and affection by family and friends.

MENNESSY - Eoghan In loting memory of our darling son and brother who died one year ago today. "But O for the touch of the vanish'd hand, And the sound of a voice that is still!" Ellis. John. Alsting. Storra and all his family and friends

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WILKS - On April 14th, peacefully at home in Paphos. Barbara Joan, aged 70. widow of Jeroid Wills. Funeral Thursday April 16th at Lamaca Military Cemetery, Cyprus.

IN THE SUPREME COURT
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(SOUTH EASTERN
CAPE LOCAL DIVISION)
CASE NO: 5667
PORT ELIZABETH,
Wednesday, The 11th day
of March 1992
BEFORE THE HODOURSHIE
Mr JUSTICE ZETTSMAM
(Judge President)
in the matter between:
HUMANSDORP TYRE
EXCHANGE OC
Applicant

ROCER AMOTT Respondent
HAVING heard Mr HORN,
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ut of this Court on the 19th Febuary 1992.
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3 THAT a rule nas do lasse calling upon the Respondent to show cause. If any, to this court on the 29th day of April 1992 at 9.30 a no why his estate should not be placed under the final sequentiation. It is granted to the Applicant seems this order on the Respondent by way of one sublictation in the London Times Newspaper BY ORDER OF THE COUNT RECESTRAR LOFOURE LANDMAN & CO PO BOX 407 HUMANSDORP TEL 51198

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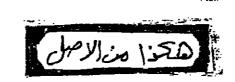
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(c) Traitorous, giving away secrets, from the Latin produce to betray: "This reward reaped he for his proditorious attempts." ENURESIS

(b) Incontinence of urine, bed-wetting, from the Greek enourels to urinate: "He had frequently known necturnal entresis or incontinence of the bladder to persist after very thorough removal of the adenoids and tonsils." POSTIL (b) A marginal note or gloss, originally one made spom a passage of Scripture, later extended to cover any sort of footnote or afterthought in any kind of text, perhaps from the diminutive of posta a page: "Tender little memorial postils are frequently written on the margins of the pages as well as at the hartonin."

bottoin.\*\* AMORT (a) Lifeless, in the state or act of death, obsole now, from the French à mort to death: "If God do not answer thee presently, thou art all amort and discouraged."



conflict between the classes.

Paling, unlike Bevan, spent

his life on the moderate wing

of the party though he fol-

lowed Bevan in the 1950s in

opposing the first use of the H-bomb.

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### **OBITUARIES**

### WILLIAM PALING

William Paling, Labour MP for Dewsbury, 1945-59, has died aged 99. He was born on October 28,

WILLIAM Paling took a once traditional road to the Commons — from the pits to the Central Labour College and on to an appointment as a checkweighman. He was sept into the House in the Labour landslide of 1945 and only ill health forced him to retire in 1959 — an injury which did not prevent him living on until he was only months away from celebrating his 100th birthday.

Paling was born into a mining family and remained es-sentially a miners' MP throughout his career. He was sponsored by the NUM and concentrated on industrial safety as an active back-bencher. He went down the pits soon after his 14th birthday but escaped by winning a cholarship to the old Central abour College in London.

There he met fellow students who were to achieve high office in the Labour Party and the unions. Ancurin Bevan, although several years younger, was a contemporary at the college where Paling studied economics, industrial history and sociology and was schooled in the theory of the



Irvine Egerton Gray, for-

mer intelligence officer and archivist, died on

March 27 aged 88. He was

born on April 4, 1903.

IRVINE Gray was a notable

a: hivist in that post-war per-

iod when major collections of

private archives were being

record offices. Educated at

Ipswich School and Jesus

College, Cambridge, he spent 15 years with the General

Accident Assurance Corpora-

tion. He was author of its

jubilee history in 1935, a first

indication of his ability to

Gray was commissioned in

1939 as an intelligence of-

ficer and served in France with the 51st (Highland) Di-vision. He avoided capture with the rest of the division

and was mentioned in dis-

patches. Later in the war he

worked for four years in

counter-espionage, based in

Beirut. He was among the first to identify the flair for

intelligence of a young acting sergeant. Maurice Oldfield.

hom he recommended for a

commission. Oldfield was lat-

deal with yellowing papers.

emment in 1954. Although his occupation and, to a lesser degree, his age kept him from joining the services during the war, he made the interests of national servicemen one of his chief interests. He visited the Rhine Army to study conditions and when returning on one occasion in 1957, his aircraft made an unexpected dive and Paling suffered a neck injury. It was sufficiently serious for him to decide not to seek re-election in 1959 but it did not prevent him enjoying more than 30 years of

subsequent retirement He was married in 1919 to Gladys Frith and they had

years' apprenticeship in the

Essex Record Office he was

appointed county records of-

ficer of Gloucestershire in

Persistent, unhurried, scholarly and unfailingly

courteous, he could not have

been better suited for his new

life. He quickly won the re-

yielded the contents of their

muniment rooms into his

care, his most notable discov-

ery being the hoard at Lydney

Park of the state papers of Sir

John Bankes, attorney general, 1634-40, described as one of the most valuable among

collections of new material for

English history that had re-

After retirement in 1968 he spent a further 17 productive

years listing records for the Historical Manuscripts Com-

mission, the Public Record

Office and other bodies, in-

cluding the Society of Anti-quaries, which had elected

him a fellow in 1954. A true

antiquary himself, Gray pub-

lished extensively, took part

in archaeological excavation.

and was instrumental in sav-

ing two historical landmarks,

the ruins of the Blackfriars in

Gloucester and the Dutch

water gardens at Westbury-

cently come to light.

**IRVINE GRAY** 

1948.

### DR PETER MITCHELL

Dr Peter Dennis Mitchell, FRS, biochemist and Nobel laureate, died on April 10 at Glynn House, Bodmin, aged 71. He was born in Mitcham, Surrey, on September 29, 1920.

He fought Burton-on-Trent in both the 1929 and 1931 general elections but had lit-PETER Mitchell solved one of biology's major mysteries: tle success in a true-blue Tory how living cells create energy seat and had to content himand use it to move muscles self with membership of the and send nerve signals. He West Riding county council, received the Nobel prize for to which he was elected in chemistry in 1978 for his research into this chemical His union activities preocprocess. He had spent more cupied him for most of the than twenty years research-ing the transfer of energy within the cells of living or-1930s and the war years and it was not until 1945 that he was elected to parliament — a ganisms, the relationship beparliament which saw his tween chemical changes in brother, Wilfred Paling, besubstances and the movecome first Minister of Penment of chemical particles in sions and then Postmaster-General under Attlee.

His hypothesis met, initially, with an almost derisory robust supporter of his indusreception. Few of the workers try and spoke frequently in the field had the necessary about industrial safety - in background knowledge in electrochemistry to appreci-ate the proposals and they factories and offices as well as the pits. His bill to introduce compulsory safety commit-tees and elect safety inspec-tors in all work places failed to had spent many years searching for a chemical intermediate, which Mitchell argued reach the statute book but he did not even exist.

was a generous supporter of Over the next ten or so the Mines and Quarries bill years he fought a battle which saw his hypothesis become a theory and attract an ever when it was introduced by Churchill's Conservative govincreasing number of scientists to his banner. The hypothesis, which he first propounded in a paper to Nature in 1961, stated that the energy derived from the oxidation of foodstuffs in animals or the capture of light in plants was used not to generate a chemical intermediate, which was the received opinion, but rather involved the forced movement of hydrogen ions across specific membranes; oxidation or light resulted in the storage of energy as an electrical potential; this potential was used in turn for the synthesis of adenosine triphosphate (ATP). His findings opened up a new re-search field, one that

Stuart Surridge, statistically the

most successful captain in the histo-

ry of the county cricket champion-

ship, who led Surrey to the title in

each of his five years in charge, 1952-56, died on April 13 aged 74.

He was born on September 3, 1917.

STUART Surridge's run with Surrey

established a record without parallel.

The county subsequently extended their

run of championships to seven in 1957

and 1958 under the captaincy of Peter

May. The key to Surridge's success was

the dynamic drive with which he welded

his men into a formidable combination.

His policy of harassing the opposition was encapsulated in his formula for

captaincy: "Attack all the time, whether

If he was fortunate to have under his

charge a county side boasting such

outstanding players as May, Ken Bar-rington, Alec Bedser, Peter Loader, Jim Laker and Tony Lock, it was when these

star performers were away on England

duty that Surrey - and Surridge -

Walter Stuart Surridge was born at Herne Hill, within two miles of The

Oval, the son of a noted maker of sports

goods. Educated at Emanuel School, Wandsworth, he captained the First XI

in 1935. He had kept wicket for several

years before turning his hand to fast

bowling, principally because there was no one else to do the job. While still at

school, he appeared for Surrey Young

Players and later played for Surrey sec-

onds in the Minor Counties champion-

been returned to the tele-

graph companies after the

close of the British enquiry

into the disaster. They were

dispersed in 1948 when Ca-

ble & Wireless, the company's

successor, was nationalised.

The messages were discovered recently by John Booth.

a collector, and provide infor-

mation on the events leading

Christie's had estimated

the consignment at £30,000,

but potential buyers, includ-

ing a Yorkshireman who set off for London at 3.00 yester-

day with a bundle of £50

notes, were far more keen

than had been expected. Hav-

ing failed to get the top lot, the Yorkshireman se-

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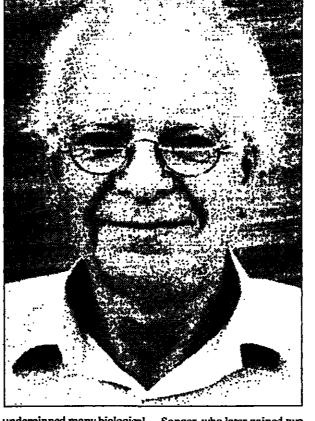
age dated April 3, ten days

before the disaster.

to the sinking.

showed the depths of their resources.

batting, bowling or fielding."



underpinned many biological

Peter Mitchell was educated at Queens College, Taunton, and Jesus College, Cambridge. He took his BA in 1943 and his PhD in 1950, when he became a university demonstrator in biochemistry. At this stage he was interested in the "active" accumulation of phosphate by bacteria. Undoubtedly the thinking and understanding involved in this work were important progenitors of the ideas which were yet to come. It was at this time that his lifelong and successful collaboration with Dr Jennifer Moyle began. At that period Mitchell's bench was located a few feet away from that of Fred

Sanger, who later gained two Nobel prizes for chemistry. Sanger said of Mitchell: "Peter had an original idea on every subject and we all knew even then that he would possibly change science."

In 1955 Mitchell moved to the department of zoology at the University of Edinburgh. It was from there that the first rustlings of the new hypothesis were heard and then seen. Unfortunately in the early 1960s he became increasingly ill with a gastric complaint. On medical advice he resigned his post in Edinburgh and went to live quietly in Bodmin, giving up his scien-tific work. It was then that he conceived the idea of setting up his privately owned and

STUART SURRIDGE

ship. Partly, perhaps, because of the war, Surridge did not win a place in Surrey's championship side until 1947, when he was almost 30. In the following year, he

turned in several fine performances with

his enthusiastic fast bowling, in which he

used to full advantage his oft 1 1 ins. He

did even better in 1949 and in 1950

contributed to Surrey's sharing the

championship with Lancashire.

Surridge always insisted that he was

no more than a good club cricketer, an

over-modest assessment. In a 13-year

career he took 506 wickets at 28.89 and

funded research laboratories. He found a derelict property, Glynn House, which he pro-ceeded, as architect and clerk of the works, to convert into both a superb suite of laboratories and a comfortable and stylish home. The generosity of the Mitchell family provided, in 1964, an initial investment of £240,000 to cover the running costs of the research institute.

This was the start of an era of high achievement for Mitchell and his collaborators. It was from Glynn that he defended his ideas which were accepted, first slowly, then with eagerness.

He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1974 and was awarded the Copley Medal in 1981. He received starting with Exeter in 1977, numerous honorary doctorates throughout the world. He had become a highly revered scientist of international standing. His work is now an essential part of any first year biochemistry course. All this was achieved from a small base; Mitchell himself together with a small band of associates, assistants and secretaries.

Peter Mitchell was an informal and unconventional man who wore gold studs in his ear-lobes and enjoyed a rich variety of interests including minting silver coins and restoring old houses. An accident during surgery had left him deaf in one ear, fairly deaf in the other and suffer ing from tinnitus. Of his tinnitus he said he thought at first, that it would drive him mad but later came to regard it as a bonus because, by sometimes preventing him from sleeping, it enabled him

to do more work. In his entry in Who's Who Mitchell listed, as the first of his interests, "the enjoyment of family life". He is survived by his second wife, Helen. whom he married in 1958, three sons and a daughter.

scored 3,882 runs at 12.94. Both his

highest score, 87 against Glamorgan,

and his best bowling figures, seven for

49 against Lancashire, came at The

Oval in 1951. He was never chosen for

the Gentlemen at Lord's, or by England,

though, when leading Surrey. Two of

Surrey's most regular match-winners

during the 1950s were Laker and Lock,

minded by Surridge. While Surridge used to let Laker have his head, he would

be inclined to chide and chase Lock. This

pair of great spin bowlers was supported

by an outstanding ring of close catchers

not least of whom was Surridge himself,

whose spectacular catching had an un-

settling effect on many opposing teams.

One of Surrey's most famous victories

under Surridge was outside the champ-

ionship when, in 1956, they became the

first county for 44 years to beat the Australians. Laker took all ten wickets

for 88 runs in the Australian first in-

nings and after the match the Australian

captain, Ian Johnson, presented his cap

to Surridge. During the period Surridge

was captain, Surrey played 170 matches, won 101, drew 42 and lost only 27.

After his playing days were over, Surridge, who was Surrey president in 1981, concentrated on the family busi-

ness, which became one of the biggest

and best known of bat and ball makers.

The willow trees from which some of the

bats were made grew on two of

Surridge's farms. The business is now in

the hands of his son, who played for

He was at his best and his happiest,

### **APPRECIATIONS**

### The Right Rev Charles Claxton

l BECAME a curate in a church in East Bristol in 1936 and within months Charles Claxton (obituary, April 11), who was the incumbent of a nearby church. treated me as a member of the family.

During the war both of us

were involved in civil defence and were head officers of our respective areas in Bristol. When Charles moved to Liverpool we kept in touch and insofar as war-time permitted we exchanged visits. Later, when I became vicar of the University Church 1 saw him more frequently as both of us were Cambridge men, as were his sons whom he came to visit.

My appointment to the bishopric of Southwark in 1959 increased the opportunities for meeting and time and again he stayed at Bishop's House or we had meals at the House of Lords. We had an unwritten rule that we should avoid professional chatter. Our interests were confined to personal and secular affairs and as a result I know as little about his episcopate of Blackburn as he did of mine at Southwark. We were friends for friendship's

I have dozens of memories. My favourite is associated with a holiday in North Wales. We decided to climb Snowdon. For Charles it was a more demanding undertaking than for myself as he was both older and three stone

heavier. On our return journey we had to hasten as we were overdue for a cocktail party at Lady Megan Lloyd George's home. When we eventually arrived Megan, in accepting our apologies, asked Charles: "And how much does it now cost to take the mountain railway to the

developments in church government as a disaster and a shocking waste of money.

Devon I expressed a delight in a delicious local pate which was made in Budleigh Salterton. A few days before he died he arranged for a packet of this pate to be sent to me to keep me affoat during the rigours of Lent. He was a very dear and beloved Brother in Christ with whom I shared a friendship for more than half a century.

### Lord Evans of Claughton

MAY I correct an omission to the otherwise excellent obitu-ary of Lord Evans of Claughton (March 27). In addition to his many other activities you mentioned. Lord Evans was also president of the National Association of Warehouse Keepers from 1983 to 1989 when he resigned because of ill-health. During his period of office Lord Evans, or "Griff" as he was affectionately known, was a staunch supporter and representative of the association and worked tirelessly in promoting the association and the warehousing

He quickly established a reputation for commonsense and plain speaking which he tempered with wit and a keen sense of humour, qualities



which immediately endeared him to the membership. The association's executive council will remember "Griff" Evans with affection and appreciation for the support and encouragement he gave

### Sir Raghavan Pillai

WITH the death of Sir Raghavan Pillai, known vari-ously as "Rag" or "NR" (obit-uary, April 4) we have lost a true friend and gentleman of the world. I am reminded of the correspondence in your columns in 1976 or thereabouts regarding the return of the Elgin Marbles to Athens (now re-opened by your leading article of April 6). The

quired by the British from various parts of their Empire and someone suggested that the legendary Koh-i-noor diamond should be returned to

### er director general of MI6. After the war Gray em-barked on a new and more congenial career. After two

BIRTHS: Sir James Clark Ross, Arctic explorer, London, 1800; Henry James, writer, New York, 1843: Bliss Carman, poet. Fredericton, New Brunswick,

Anniversaries

DEATHS: Richard Mulcaster. uthor, Stanford Rivers, Essex, hill: Hubert Robert, landscape painter, Paris, 1808: John Bell, surgeon, Rome, 1820: Matthew Arnold, poet and critic, Liverpool, 1838, Father Damien, Belgian missionary, Molokai Island, Hawaii, 1889; John Singer Sargent, portrait painter, London, 1925: Micael Flanders, actor and writer, Berwys-y-Coed, 1975; lean-Paul Sartre, philosopher and writer, Paris 1980; Jean

Genet, dramatist, 1986. Mutiny of the Navy at Spithead. 1797. The SS Titanic struck an ceberg near Newfoundland on its maiden voyage and sank with the ess of 1,513 lives, 1912

### Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Peter Heap to be Ambassador to Brazil, in succession to Mr M. J. Newington, who will be utiring from the Diplomatic

Dr Leslie Arnold Turnberg. professor of medicine at Manchester University, to be President of the Royal College of Physicians, from July 30, in succession to Dame Margaret

### Church news

Mr Richard Bloor and Mr Paul Morris to be joint registrars of the diocese of Leicester, in succession to Mr Graham Moore.

Sale room

### £66,000 for SOS from the Titanic

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND. SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

A NEW record for Titanic disaster memorabilia was set at Christie's yesterday when a set of 85 urgent radio signal messages fetched £66,000. The estimate was £8,000 to £10.000.

The faded yellow pages included the last message from the ship, which had been declared unsinkable, saying: "Sinking. Wants immediate assistance." It had been sent to the Baltic, another ship in the vicinity. The buyer bid anonymously by telephone. Christie's South Kensing-

ton timed its sale to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the biggest mercantile shipping disaster. The Titanic was on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York in 1912 when, on Sunday April 14, it struck an iceberg and sank the next morning.

The record breaking lot came from a set of 448 messages hand written on the forms of the Marconi International Marine Communications Company. The signals, which were translated from Morse code by the company's operators, had

### Dinners

United and Ceeil Club Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, a Vice-Chairman of the United and Ceell Club, was host at a dinner held last night at the St Stephen's Constitutional Club. Lord Day was the principal guest and Mr Lewis Moss also spoke.

Women's Advertising Club of London Mme Christine Ockrent was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the Women's Advertising Club of London held lass night at the Savoy Hotel. Miss Barbara Scott, president, was in

Cutlers' Company, presented the Cutlers' surgical prize for 1992 to Mr A.W. Majeed for his invention of the Sheffield Choleystoscope.

The President and the Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the President and the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and ineland and the Master of the Society of Apothecaries of Lendon.

The message, from "Commander" Titanic and saying ... success to you. NW wind fine and clear" had been transmitted by "Ph", thought to be John Phillips, the senior wireless operator, who was soon to be lost at sea. It was estimated at £250 to £450. and sold for £3,850. the speakers.

Colnbrook presided. Sir Graham

the chair.

Cutters' Company Mr G.W. Walker, Master of the

The presententation was made at the annual surgical award dinner held last night at Cutlers' Hall. The Master presided and the Master of the Barbers' Company and Mr C.V.M. Latham also spoke. Among others present

### Luncheon

British Red Cross Mr Terry Holmes was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Ritz Hotel for the British Red Cross. Miss Jean Boht and Mr John Gray, director of public affairs. British Red Cross, were

### Air show dispute

Surrey in 1978.

### German rival to

MOSCOW is to join Berlin in a twin-pronged assault on the pre-eminence of Farnborough and Paris as centres of the European aerospace industry.

held in Berlin in June - just three months before the Farmborough show - and now the German organisers have persuaded the Russians to hold an international exhibition in Moscow within weeks of the 1993 Paris Air Show.

The German Aerospace Industries Association, BDLI, has been trying for more than ten years to persuade the British and the French to include Berlin in a three-year rotation of air shows. They met with stubborn opposition, however, especially from the French.

The reunification of Germany provided them with the opportunity of using Berlin's Schönefeld airport for an exhibition aimed at attracting both buyers and sellers of aircraft and associated equipment from the west and from

the former eastern bloc. Dr Hans Birke, presiding manager of BDLI, said in London yesterday that if the

### Farnborough BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

show is a success, as now seems likely, the organisers of Paris and Farnborough will

be forced to negotiate. "The market will decide about the future," he said. A big new air show is to be "We will definitely have another in Berlin in 1994 by which time there will be four major air shows: Paris. Farnborough, Berlin and Moscow. Then we will be able

to restructure ourselves. "I think we should have one European air show a year and this should be rotated through the capitals. Now is not the time to launch it however, but once we have seen how successful our show will be and once the Russian show is in being, we will certainly ask for new talks."

Already almost all the exhibition space has been sold for Berlin and well over half a million people are expected to

The former eastern bloc is seen as the biggest potential market for aerospace over the next 15 years with the Commonwealth of Independent States alone needing to buy 2,550 new medium and long range aircraft by the middle of the next century.

### correspondence developed to

This article was compiled by The Times Correspondent in India from the diary of a member of the British

PAGEANTRY IN LHASA

We were invited by the Tibetan Government to witness the first of the ceremonies connected ingly on the twenty-ninth day of the last month a devil dance takes place in the great Eastern Court of the Potala..

summit."
He had as little use for synodical proceedings as I had and we regarded modern

When I stayed with him in

Bishop Mervyn Stockwood



Éric Brown

include other treasures ac-India.

The subject was brought to a close by a letter from Rag in which he said that, although the diamond rightfully be longed to India he felt that Indians everywhere were happy for it to remain where it was (and still is) among the

DALAI LAMA'S DREAM

Four skeleton dancers with two attendant death's heads

appear on the stairs mopping and mowing and scattering ashes to right and left from their clattering bony fingers.

They dance round the crude presentation of a corpse which

has been laid in the middle of the dancing space. An aged man with a long grey beard

totters round the court playing

the fool and finally has a

tremendous struggle with a tiger skin rug. This part of the

performance is an innovation

dreamt the scene when he was

The skeletons scamper away.

and the trumpets proclaim the chief actor, a black hat ma-gician who is to lead the remainder of the ceremony. He is dressed in brocade robes

is dressed in brocade robes embroidered with the Dorje thunderbolt and with skulls.

He wears an apron of bones and on his head is a tall black

hat with an enormous brim

and topped by a fan-shaped

ornament of peacock's feathers. He dances, still to the same

rhythm, which continues through the whole ceremony.

Alison Bajpai

### April 15 ON THIS DAY 1937 recepțion for the skeleton

Political Mission to Lhasa

of the ceremonies connected with the Tibetan New Year. With sound reasoning, the Tibetans hold that before you can hope to celebrate an auspicious New Year all the evil influences which have accumulated during the Old Year must be driven out. Accordingly on the twenty-night day

The red, black and yellow pelmets over the windows flap and belly in the chilly north wind. Three blasts of the great silver trumpets herald the ap-proach of the Lama band, who proact of the Lama band, who take up their places with their drums, cymbals, and trumpets in a gaily embroidered tent which occupies all the northern side of the courtyard... More blasts of the trumpets

and the curtains, embroidered with dragons in red and gold, part again. Two dancers in demon masks run down the steps, scatter rice from bowls held by monk attendants, and entering the courtyard, begin their dance. It consists of slow turns and pirouettes with arms outstretched and gesticulating in time with the ponderous rhythm of trumpets, drums and cymbals. Soon they turn and hurry back up the stair-case, to be succeeded by about eight more pairs of grotesquely masked dancers, some with stags' heads, some with bulls' heads, but the majority in fierce, grinning masks of scar-let, gold and green displaying rows of langs and crowned with skulls. When the last of these pairs has retired the crowd suddenly begin to whis-tle. This is the traditional

weaving spells with the skull, which he holds in one hand. and the Dorje, which he holds in the other. His movements are fluent and graceful beyond those of the other dancers. Soon a procession of monks appears. bearing golden censers and sticks of incense and blowing

shrill trumpets. They lead into the dancing floor some 20 black hat dancers dressed like the chief magician but without the bone apron. The attendant dancers follow his movements, turning and swaying slowly to the well-defined rhythm, now pierced occasionally by the shrill note of small silver horns. Finally water and blood are poured on the corpse from skulls held by the magician and the dancers take a wellearned rest after dancing continuously for about two and a half hours.

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### **BA** sues Richard **Branson** for libel

By HARVEY ELLIQIT AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE bitter dispute between British Airways and Virgin Atlantic with each accusing the other of "dirty tricks" is to be publicly aired in the High Court this summer.

At a hearing in chambers before Mr Justice Drake yesterday, it was agreed that Virgin's action alleging defamation againt BA should be heard at the first opportunity after June 15. At the same time, BA filed its counter-claim alleging libel by the Virgin chairman, Richard Branson.

BA's legal director Mervyn Walker said yesterday: "For several months we have endured a campaign of very serious allegations made against us by Virgin and Richard Branson. We have made it clear throughout that those accusations are untrue. They have left us with no other choice than to take for-mal action sekking redress for the libel they have perpetrated against us.'

Virgin denied BA's allega-tions and said that the issues were important enough to need to go to trial early. Virgin has also employed Sr Freddie Laker's American lawyer Robert Beckman with a view to taking legal proceed-ings against BA in the US

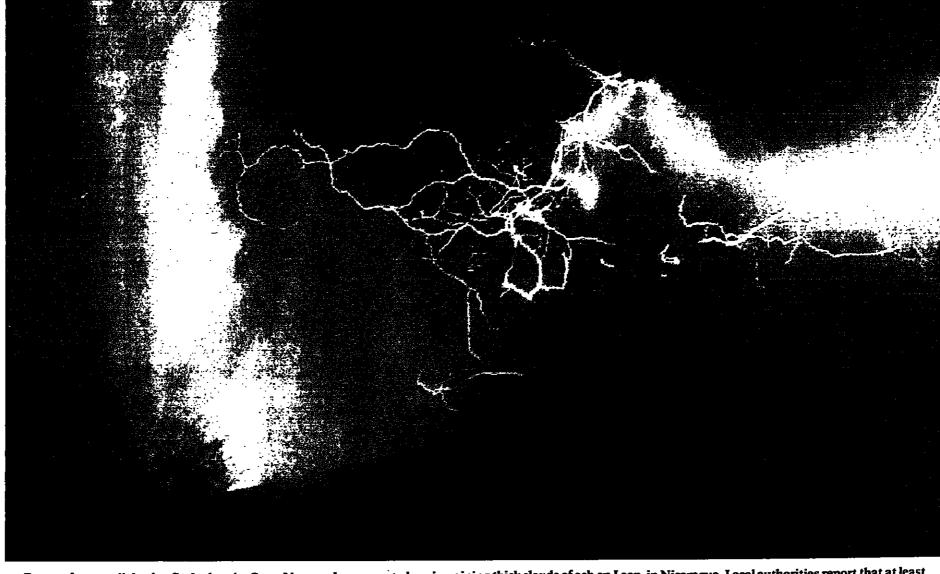
### World court rejects plea by Tripoli

Continued from page I national protection, but felt that the court was underesti-mating its powers in this par-

Mr Berman said the court had delivered a "very clear and strong argument" against Libya. Edwin Williamson, the American State Department's legal adviser, said the case showed that in such instances the ruling of the security council took precedence over the court, which is the UN's own court of

Last month Mr Williamson had accused Libya of being the first state in the court's court to undo the work of the security council."

Libya defiant, page 7



Forces of nature: lightning flashed as the Cerro Negro volcano erupted again, raining thick clouds of ash on Leon, in Nicaragua. Local authorities report that at least 15,000 people have been moved from their homes since the eruptions began on Thursday night after 21 years of dormancy.

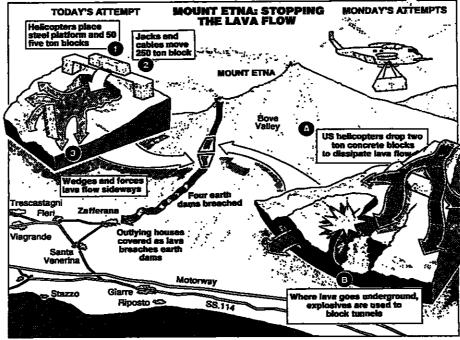
### Marines return to battle with Mount Etna

FROM PAUL BOMPARD IN ZAFFERANA

LAVA from Mount Etna yesterday broke over the last earthwork barrier shielding the town of Zafferana. Giu-seppe Fichera, the owner of the first house to be engulfed, had painted "thank you, government" on the side of his house and set out a bottle of wine on the veranda, "so Etna can drink to my health". The remorseless tide of

black, porous rubble driven by a 1,000°C core glimmering below the crumbling crust, also incinerated hun-dreds of fruit trees and grape vines. One of Zafferana's oldest inhabitants remarked: Every now and then Etna likes to make his voice heard, to remind us all that he is always there."
In the pre-dawn darkness

yesterday, the glowing river lit up low clouds to a deep magenta as it snaked down the mountain. By last night it was still 800 yards from Zafferana proper last night and vulcanologists estimated would take several days to reach the edge of town. It also seemed likely that it would flow down a shallow vailey, skirting the town, causing rel-



atively little damage to

Late yesterday, Italian army engineers set off an ties claimed had reduced the lava flow by up to 50 per cent. Efforts on Monday to staunch the flow upstream

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the guage jungle. Which definitions

are correct?

By Philip Howard

Deserving a reward In favour of the right wing

Rider of a carriage horse

Answers on page 14

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Understaten Bed-wetting

with explosives and concrete blocks had failed, but were described by the civil protection authorities as "encourag-

Today a new attempt will be made. A massive steel platform will be placed over the stream where it emerges from an underground tunnel. On the platform about 50 concrete blocks, weighing five tons each, will be placed and and chains. Then, with more cables and hydraulic jacks, the 250-ton mass will be tum-bled into the lava in the hope

that it will slide down to a narrower point about 50 yards downstream and at least partly block the flow. That would make the lava expand sideways, out of the channel and into depressions on either side in which it would spread out and cool. relieving pressure on the front menacing Zafferana. The engineering of the Labour tax

challenge

by Gould

Continued from page 1 leadership is now settled. The

question of the leadership must not be rushed," he said.

Mr Gould appealed for more

time so that Labour could

examine its policies in the course of the leadership con-

test as, he said, there was

"hard thinking" to be done.

down quickly so that Labour

could get its new leaders and shadow cabinet in place be-

fore the summer parliamen-

tary recess. Party sources

suggested last night that the

shadow cabinet elections

The Labour leader said as

he left the meeting that the

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could be completed in time.

Mr Kinnock wanted to step

project has been entrusted almost entirely to US Navy and Marine corps units from the nearby Nato base of Sigonella. Yesterday, American navy engineers on a plateau high on Mount Etna were welding together the platform, while two Black Stallion helicopters of the marine corps stood by ready to lift the platform and the concrete blocks to the lava stream.

In contrast with the "can do" mentality of the Americans, the townspeople of Zafferana appeared ever more fatalistic. "I have been praying to the Madonna." said Grazia Vasta, whose house is in the part of "We have more faith in her than in the government."

Philip Howard, page 12

### Currie snubs Major over job

Continued from page ! light of widespread and well informed indications that she was to be invited back into the fold despute publicly entities ing Mr Major's soapbox ckg tioneering.

The bemusement general ed by the latest twist in the saga of her career distracted attention from the prime minister's far-reaching shake-up of the middle and junior ranks of the govern-ment. His aim was to unlock talent from all parts of the party and to bring into office experienced heavyweights who had languished on the back benches under Margaret Thatcher.

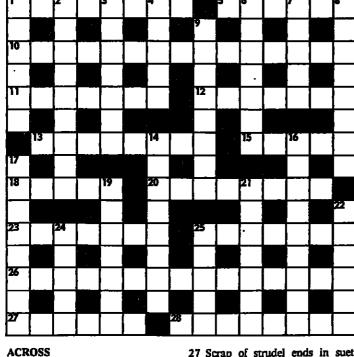
Among the iong-serving MPs entering the govern-ment for the first time are Jonathan Aitken. MP for Thanet South, Michael Mates. MP for East Hamp shire and a close supporter of Michael Heseltine. Alistair Burt, Bury North, Nigel Forman. Carshalton and Wallington. Anthony Nelson, Chichester, Steven Norris, Epping Forest, Robin Squire, Hornchurch, Charles Wardle, Bexhill and Battle, Nicholas Soames, Crawley, and Gwilym Jones. Cardiff North. Most of them hail from the left of the party.

The biggest promotions went to Stephen Dorrell, moved from a junior health post to financial secretary to the Treasury. Richard Need-ham, from Northern Ireland to Mr Heselrine's trade department. Mr Mates, brought in at minister of state level in Northern Ireland, Robert Atkins, transferred from sport to Northern Ira-land, Peter Lloyd, promotewithin the Home Office, Michael Jack, promoted to the Home Office from social security, and Alastair Goodlad, switched from deputy chief whip to the Foreign Office.

David Curry also moved up a step at the agriculture ministry and Jonathan Aitken was made minister of state at the defence department. Baroness Blatch was made minis-ter of state at the education department. David MacLean was promoted from a junior job at agriculture to a mide? ranking post at environme:

Michael Forsyth, th. Thatcherite middle-ranking minister in the Scottish Ofvative government does not fice, was switched to employnent at the same Angela Rumbold, minister of Rivals' programmes, page 2 state at the Home Office, left Diary, page 12 the government but becomes Letters, page 13 | deputy party chairman.

### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18.893



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5 ...tenant, reduced by contents of 10 The establishment where the top

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Concise Crossword, page 13 Life & Times section

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If deal goes through, it will create London bank with assets of £145bn

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

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spreading news throughout Africa after the transformation of South African business from pariah to acceptable

WAR ON WAGES

Pay rises have been halved over the past 12 months and are running below the level of real inflation, according to the CBI Page 19

BUILDING HOPE



Finding new businesses at the right time helped RMC, the building materials group, to beat City expectations Tempus, page 20

TV CHALLENGE

The application list has opened for ITV's Channel 5 but there is no guarantee that it will ever be Page 18

VIVA ESPAÑA



The region of Andalusia hopes that Expo '92, opening in Seville on Monday, will boost the local economy Focus, pages 24-26

### THE POUND

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### Hongkong offer for Midland disappoints City

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

Shanghai Bank has launched a £3.1 billion bid for Midland in a deal that will, if successful, create one of the world's largest and most international banks.

City investors, however, denounced the offer as too low and hopes rose of a counter offer from Lloyds even though the deal has been approved by Midland's board.

HSBC Holdings, the holding company of the Hongkong Bank, is offering one of its own shares and a 100p bond for every share in Midland. The offer values Midland's shares at 378p each. Institutions had hoped to re-

a concession to win the ap-proval of the Bank of England, HSBC has agreed to move its head office to the City. William Purves. HSBCs chairman and chief executive, will move his office to London in September next year, and the Bank of England will become HSBC's

HSBC has also agreed to become registered as a British taxpayer from the beginning of next year. The bank has set £200 million to cover its initial tax liabilities, and the group's earnings are expected

lead regulator.

to be hit as its tax charge rises. In the offer document, HSBC finally revealed its hid-

### **Colony learns secret** and welcomes offer

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG'S financial community last night embraced Hongkong Bank's unexpectedly low offer for the Midland group with relief. They are also pleased with the revelation of the bank's hidden reserves of HK\$16.6 bil-

lion (£1.14 billion). Shares in HSBC Holdings, Hongkong Bank's parent. are expected to surge after falling nearly 12 per cent since the Midland plans were announced on March 17.

A rise in Hongkong Bank proposed deal even more at-tractive as Midland shareholders are being offered shares and bonds. The financial community here had feared the deal might hurt Hongkong Bank shareholders by making them pay a high price for the political safety net it wants before China runs the colony in 1997. Yesterday's announcement turned skepticism into joy, with analysts hailing the pro-posed offer as a bargain. Even the news that HSBC Holdings's earnings will be hit when it begins to pay British corporation tax next year did not dent enthusiasm.

"The turnround in perception could spur an upward spiral for the share prices of both HSBC and Midland, and create an excellent deal out of nothing," a merchant The only uncertainty that

Peking's displeasure with companies shifting domicile and assets out of Hong Kong is well-known. Since merger plans were revealed last month, China has accused Hongkong Bank of making a political move at shareholders' expense. Peking is expected to continue to call on the bank to be cautious and

THE Hongkong and ceive at least 400p a share. In HK\$16.6 billion (£1.14 billion), higher than forecasts. The reserves will boost the enlarged bank's capital strength and the group's Basle capital ratio is expected to be 10.9 per cent, well above the 8 per cent regulatory

The extent of disillusionment with the deal in the City became clear at lunch when Hoare Govett, the securities house, failed to place 60 million Midland shares, a 7.7 per cent stake believed to belong to the Kuwait Investment Office, at 362p a share. Midland's shares fell 7p to 365p. Peter Toeman, an analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, said the institutions were unimpressed by the offer. "This is certainly not a knock-out price," he said. Midland's shares were trading at 253p before the

deal was announced.

If the deal does go through it will create a bank with assets of £145 billion, and 3,300 offices in 68 countries throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and North America. Profits of the combined group last year were £845 million, and are expected to rise sharply as Midland recovers from the recession in Britain. Midland's profits last year were just £36 million.

The enlarged bank's shares will be quoted in London and Hong Kong and become a constituent in both the FT-SE 100 and Hang Seng indices. The group will set aside £190 million for the costs of the merger. John Gray, HSBC's new group will be able to expand through rationalisation and increased business revenues and would be protected against a downturn

anywhere in the world. Brian Pearse, Midland's chief executive, said that the bank had come to the conclusion that the deal was "the best available option for our customers and staff."

### MIDLAND AND HONGKONG BANK - HOW THEY COMPARE PRE-TAX PROFITS -200 -400 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON A WORLDWIDE BANK Eest & rest of world Banque Nationale Deutsche Bank

### Lloyds merger would be 'debilitating'

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRIAN Pearse, Midland's chief executive, said yesterday he had rejected an approach from Lloyds because it would have caused a "severe debilitating effect on the staff and customers in both banks".

ever. are hoping for a bid from Lloyds to lift the offer price for Midland, even though both Lloyds and the Bank of England are thought to oppose a hostile bid.

Mr Pearse said there had been considerable specula-tion over whether Midland had been approached by another British clearing bank. "It is really most un-

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likely that such a merger would be allowed on competition grounds with such a concentration of business."

ties, a process which would likely to cause great uncertainty among our customers and staff. The prospect of massive redundancies would have a severe debilitating effect. Our board would have to keep in mind what the real value would be left for share-

holders at the end."

share for Midland. A merger between Midland and Lloyds, if allowed by the monopolies commission, vould cause hundreds of branch closures and more "A referral to the authorithan 20,000 redundancies.

> threat would destroy morale in Midland, and severely damage the bank's customer Lloyds declined to comment on Mr Pearse's remarks, but HSBC's lower than expected offer increased

Brian Pitman, Lloyds' chief managers that Lloyd executive, is thought to have make a counter offer. offered more than 400p a

speculation among fund managers that Lloyds might The Bank of England is

Mr Pearse believes that this

hostile bid for a bank that would destabilise the banking system and threaten depositors' interests. Any counter offer would have to win the Bank's blessing and be rec-ommended by Midland. This is only likely to happen if Midland shareholders reject HSBC's terms.

thought to be opposed to any

News that Hoare Govett, Lloyds' brokers, yesterday failed to place a 7.7 per cent stake in Midland, thought to belong to the Kuwait Investment Office, suggests a counter bid is not imminent.

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### Factory output rises 1.1%

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

A SHARP pickup in industrial production and a rise in factory gate prices raised hopes that Britain's manufacturers may finally be starting to shake off the recession.

Unexpectedly strong government figures, showing manufacturing output jumping a provisional 1.1 per cent in February, after a revised 0.6 per cent fall in January. boosted sentiment for the pound. The currency rose close to DM2.92 at one stage. before profit-taking set in. At the official London close

at 4pm, it was DM2.9121, above Monday's close and second from bottom of the exchange-rate grid. A gain of almost half a cent to \$1.7695 lifted sterling's trade-weight-ed index up 0.1 to 91.8. Overall industrial output, which encompasses the energy and manufacturing sec-

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of 1.2 per cent in January. The Central Statistical Of-

fice cautioned against reading too much into one month's data, reinforcing the City view that talk of recovery this quarter is premature. The underlying trend in manufacturing still shows an annual 2.5 per cent fall, albeit a slowdown from the 3.5 per cent decline of last month. In the latest three months,

manufacturing output was 0.5 per cent below the previous three months, and still 2.9 per cent down on a year ago. Consumer goods gave the strongest showing in the latest three months, suggesting consumer-led recovery.

Mild weather led to a 2 per cent drop in energy output in the latest three months, but production was 4.4 per cent higher than the same period last year. Overall industrial output fell 1.9 per cent in the

February. This followed a fall latest three months, giving an annual fall of 1 per cent. A producer prices pickup

was seen by some economists as a sign of growing confidence. Output prices rose a provisional 0.8 per cent in March to 4.5 per cent up on March 1991. Although up on the annual 4.4 per cent rise in February, half of last month's increase was due to Budget exise duty changes. The underlying rate, excluding food. drink and tobacco, annual rise in the latest three months was 2.5 per cent, against 2.1 per cent in February.

Input prices, the cost of raw materials and fuel to manufacturers, fell an adjusted 0.5 per cent in March after a 1.7 per cent February rise. The provisional annual rise slowed to 0. I per cent from February's 0.9 per cent. In America, commerce department figures showed an 0.4 per cent fall in March retail sales.

### matter of honour COLIN Parsons, the new

chairman of Taylor Woodrow, said it was a matter of honour that the final dividend was held at 7.64p a share after the construction group suffered a £2.7 million pre-tax loss (£86.1 million profit) for 1991. "The severe recession and a

number of very difficult contracts have hit our profits and property values," he said. A Ell.5 million provision was made against its interest in Eurotunnel and a £3.8 million provision against the Euro Disney contract. There was a £46.5 million exceptional charge covering property writedowns, and a £23.6 million extraordinary charge covering the closure of American contracting businesses.

depend on the pace of the recovery, the group said.

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### Hard line taken over soft loans

IN BUDAPEST

THE controversy over a proposal by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to grant soft loans for modernising heavy industry in eastern Europe has continued for the second day. Among the critics is Lynda Chalker, the reappointed head of the Overseas Development Agency, who spoke against widening the bank's responsibilities.

Chalker: one of the critics tries, including steel, defence The bank's governors on Monday granted a mandate and power generation. to Jacques Attali, its presi-

Mrs Chalker, said, however: "It is impossible to overdent, to investigate the feasiestimate the role of privability of a special restructuring facility, which tisation throughout the economy. A conversion of dewould involve soft loans and fence industries is a particuhigh-risk equity for the relar part of this challenge of construction of heavy indus-

economic restructuring. But it is not clear that new facili-ties are needed."

Her statement signals that Britain fully supports the sceptical position taken by the US, which said on Monday that the bank should concentrate on the private sector and not try to be "all

things to all people". Theo Waigel, the German finance minister and the new chairman of the bank governors, suggested a compromise that would involve granting M Attali a reconstruction facility but with a tightly defined purpose. He suggested that the bank could prove useful in the re-

construction of eastern Europe's power generation.

out of 60 RBMK reactors, identical with that at Chemobyl, because of serious design faults. The re-structuring facility could be used to encourage eastern Europe to build modern plants, which would allow the closure and the phasing out of existing facilities.

Herr Waigel said that any industrial reconstruction should be undertaken with a view of privatisation that is contrary to M Attali's assertion that certain industries warrant reconstruction even if they are, and are likely to remain, in the public sector. Herr Waigel said that eastern Europe had no alternative to fast privatisation. "If you want to jump over a prec-On Monday, M Attali ipice, don't try to do it in two called for the closure of 16 steps," he said.

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### Contest for **Channel 5** is clouded by doubts

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Independent Television Commission yesterday put the licence to run Britain's fifth terrestrial television channel up for auction. At the same time, it admitted there was no guarantee that Channel 5 would ever be

Closing date for applica-tions in the blind-bid contest is July 7, but David Glen-cross, the commission's chief executive, said: "I cannot guarantee we will award it to anyone or that if we do it will be a commercial success."

Although several "significant players" in the media industry have expressed interest, the licence will not be awarded to any bidder unless it can prove to the commission that it possesses a viable plan for retuning an estimatrecorders and satellite receiv-

### **Shares** in Sage surge to record

By Jonathan Prynn

SHARES in The Sage Group, the supplier of accounting software for small another record high of 484p after the company announced a 44 per cent increase in interim profits.

The shares have been among the best performers in the market this year, having risen almost 200p since December. The company was floated in December 1989 at

130p.

Profits before tax for the six months to the end of March were £4.3 million, against £3 million for the previous first

six-month contribution from DacEasy, an American accounting software company acquired in May last year for £9.5 million.

The deal was financed by a rights issue and from cash resources. DacEasy increased its profits by 62 per cent and contributed an earnings-enhancing £1.4 million.

Earnings per share were up 25 per cent to 14.53p on the enlarged share capital. The interim dividend is raised only 12 per cent to 3.02p compared with 2.7p in the comparable period of last year, but the cash cost of the payout is more than a third

up at £605,000 Cash balances at the half year end were £4.1 million, up from £1.2 million at the last year end.

The company increased the proportion of its income that is derived from recurring

MainLan Inc. the weakest performer in the group, . which supplies PC networking products, lost £115,000, and is merging

with DacEasy.

David Goldman, the chairman, who was recently named Britain's Entrepreneur of the Year, said: "With around half of total sales arising overseas and a large and increasing proportion of income arising from recur-ring revenue, the group has become less vulnerable to economic conditions in the

The market had shown some signs of improvement in the first quarter of the calender year, he added. "I anticipate that growth will be maintained in the second half and that the performance for the full year will be satisfactory," Mr Goldman said.

ers that will be affected by interference from Channel 5's signal. The retuning bill is estimated at £50 million to £200 million.

Yesterday, the commission said the winner would have to abide by a code of practice on retuning VCRs. Retuning must be completed 21 days after a request is made or the date of interference is reported, whichever is later.

"We would not feel justified awarding the licence to any bidder unless it provided a well thought-out plan for retuning, backed by a detailed business plan showing how the costs will be met," Mr Glencross said. Retuning was a "considerable task", unprecedented anywhere else in the world, he said.

Those who have so far indicated their interest in bidding include: Thames Television and TV-am, two of the losers in last autumn's ITV auction Conrad Black, proprietor of The Daily Telegraph; Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian media mogul; Time Warner, the American media conglomerate; and the Five TV consortium led by Moses Znaimer, the Canadian owner of City TV, a Toronto station.

Negotiations between potential bidders are continuing, with bids from just two or three consortia expected on

The ITC plans to announce the winner at the beginning of November.

Channel 5 must start broadcasting no later than January 1, 1995, covering not less than 30 per cent of the population within its first year of operation, the ITC said yesterday. The winner, which must shoulder the added cost of setting up a new national transmitter system, estimated at £30 million, must reach its full potential coverage of 74 per cent of the UK population no later than

six years from its launch. The licence will be awarded to the highest cash bidder after a quality test, but the winner will not have to pay a levy on its advertising, sponsorship or subscription reve-

Originally, the ITC wanted Channel 5 to pay 5 per cent of its qualifying revenue to the Treasury. Recently, however, it decided to eliminate the charge altogether because of questions that had been raised over the very viability of the channel.

Mr Glencross said that the ITC did not begin its deliber-ations on Channel 5 by assuming the difficulties could not be overcome. "We expect there will be a number of extremely well thought-out applications," he said.

Yesterday's final invitation to apply was delayed by three months because of extended consultations over the techni-



Hands-on approach: George Russell, chairman-designate of the Independent Television Commission

### Hanwell inherits 25 years of earnings growth at Farnell

BY OUR CITY STAFF

RICHARD Hanwell, chief executive of Norton Opax until its acquisition by Bowater in 1989, is moving into the chair at Farnell Electronics, Europe's second-largest distributor of electronic components.

Farnell's unbroken record of earnings growth, stretching to 25 years after 1991 results, ensures that Mr Hanwell has a hard act to

Although pre-tax profits eased back from £33.8 million to E32.7 million last year. on turnover 25 per cent higher at £204.9 million, earnings nudged ahead from 16.3p a

share to 16.5p. Shareholders collect a 3.2p final dividend, giving them a total of 5.8p a share for the year, an increase of 5.5 per cent.

Raymond Kidd, the outgoing chairman, says the £61 million acquisition of STCs distribution business led to a seven-month contribution of £5 million to group operating profits, which emerged at £32.2 million, against £30 million, and enhanced earnings per share.

However, in funding the deal from cash resources and borrowings, the group ensured a fall in its net interest received from £3.8 million to

The distribution operations

compensated for a recessionhit manufacturing side, whose profits tumbled from £7.03 million to £2.52 million.

Mr Hanwell, a non-executive director since January this year, takes over on Au-

He is a qualified chartered accountant and recently led the White Rose Television consortium bid for the Yorkshire independent television franchise. He also holds directorships at a number of public limited companies.



Preliminary figures showed a downturn in pre-tax profits in 1991 from £38.9 million to £28.4 million, although £3 million of the shortfall was due to start-up costs at Laird's plants in Germany and Spain, and a further £2.2 million to redundancy costs

Despite the setback, which reduced earnings by 28 per cent to 17.5p a share, the group achieved a cash flow surplus before acquisitions, and the board, led by John Gardiner, has lifted the dividend for the twentieth year in succession. The final payment is 6.2p, making 10.2p

(10p). Laird, which earns 85 per cent of its profits overseas, has invested £60 million over the past two years. Both the new German and Spanish plants are already profitable, and Mr Gardiner says the group ery in the first quarter of iod last year. The rights issue will permit gearing and interest cover to be maintained at

been buoyed by the group's contracts to supply the new Golf and Astra models introduced last year.

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### Laird calls for £41 m in rights

LAIRD Group, the motor industry supplier, is asking shareholders for £41.4 million to finance its successful expansion programme. New shares are offered at 220p each in the ratio of one for every five held. This compares with yesterday's stock market

in France and Britain.

has seen a significant recov-1992 compared with the perprudent levels, he says.

Continental trading has

### Marketing experts identify Russia's Essex man

At forefront of Farnell: Richard Hanwell, who becomes chairman in August

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE day the Sverdlovsk supermarket in the Urals stacked its shelves with canned beer from China, the shopping queues were longer than ever. Despite the extremely high price being asked, someone had heard that the beer was a concentrate, to which the consumer should add two litres of

Russian marketing techniques are nowhere near as dull and outmoded as many unassuming westerners may have thought.

From a purely marketing viewpoint the Chinese beer ploy was a success. But it might not be so easy to repeat, at least not in the same place. Identifying the buying impulses of the Russian consumer — who could be forgiven for a state of confusion should he find himself with money in his pocket at the same time as there are goods in the shops - is a task that DMB&B, the advertising agen-

cy, has set itself. DMB&B observed that the Chinese beer affair showed that Russia clearly has its own marketing techniques". From this useful starting point, the report dissects the underly ing tenets of the Russian soul, which, and this is perhaps the most astonishing claim, has hardly changed since the days of Dostoevski.

Russians apparently can be grouped into five types. The two largest, and most intriguing, are the Kuptsi and "Russian souls".

Kuptsi have no precise equivalent in Britain. They are a mixture of Victorian merchant and Essex man. self-centred, marginally successful. and extremely nationalist. They would buy mainly Russian products. if available, and if not, they go for north European reliability. Scandina-

vian goods, German cars and the like. They would not buy Japanese.The Russian souls, which DMB&B claims comprise 25 per cent of all Russian males and 30 per cent of females, are essentially people who expected the worst and get what they expect.

They are a group prone to buying expensive Chinese beer in cans. but would go on buying it. Whatever they bought, they would feel deceived. "If he buys a Russian car, the quality is low. He feels deceived. If he buys an imported car, he can't get the spare parts. He feels deceived." If the foreign manufacture provides a service schedule, "the service is expensive. He feels deceived."

Another intriguing group are the "Cossacks", whose "sole existence is shot through with paradox". They are the kind of people who

would queue up in front of the Mc-Donald's restaurant in Pushkin Square, yet consistently complain

that the "girls who served had stopped smiling after about only a month": that the clocks inside the store had stopped, and that the Big Macs were no good. Yet the Cossacks would come back.

The remaining two groups are affluent businessmen, western-orient-ed and probably the ideal target for western marketeers, and so-called "students", who have nothing to do with real students other than being "high on ideals and low on work". The report gives the useful warning

that "markets and consumers do not as yet exist in any real sense in Russia", - a minor inconvenience but the potential for clever marketing is intriguing once the basic economic parameters are in place. "Westerners have, by and large, achieved the affluence necessary to graduate to higher forms of neurotic behaviour. Russians are not so fortunate or enlight-

### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### Cronite board split over French offer

THE board of Cronite Group, the loss-making metals THE board of Cronite Group, the loss-making metals company, is divided over whether to accept an unsolicited £7.3 million takeover bid from AFE, a French engineering group. The 45p-a-share cash offer sent shares in Cronite soaring from 29p to 44p yesterday. The bid has been recommended by all but one of the board members and AFE has already received acceptances from holders of 14.8 per cent of Cronite's share capital.

David Pinsent, a former chairman and currently a non-executive director, said the offer does not fully value the

executive director, said the offer does not fully value the company and disregards the potential benefits that will accrue to shareholders from recent closures and disposals. The bid price is at a 55 per cent premium to Monday's market price and offers shareholders an exit multiple of 10.5 times earnings of 4.3p for the year to end-September forecast by Kleinwort Benson Securities.

### Debts knock Erith

A FALL in turnover and a big increase in bad debts have almost wiped out profits at Erith, the builders' merchant. Pre-tax profits for last year slumped from £2.2 million to £24,000 on turnover down from £77.7 million to £67.5 million. The final dividend is 0.7p (2.6p), making 2p (3.9p). Graham Davies, the chairman, said that reduced demand had been aggravated by price competition. The provision for bad and doubtful debts was £1.7 million — 2.6 per cent of turnover, compared with 0.4 per cent in a normal year.

### EC's Daimler order

government to recover DM33.8 million from Daimler-Benz in what it described as state aid linked to Daimler's cut-price purchase of property in Berlin's Porsdamer Platz. Daimler bought a large site in Potsdamer Platz for DM92.9 million. The commission said an independent study had estimated the market value of the site at DM 179.7 million and ruled the difference — DM86.8 million — to be state aid. It said DM33.8 million of that sum had to be recovered.

### Shani edges ahead

SHANI Group, which designs and supplies women's and children's wear for the high street chains, increased its pretax profits from £764,000 to £770,000 in the six months to January 31 despite turnover falling from £5.9 million to £5.1 million. Earnings per share were 3.6p (3.5p) and the interim dividend stays at 1.6p. Martin Hollis, the chairman, said that with the controls that had been established and in anticipation of an upturn in trading, 1992-3 could be a much better year.

### Boot bucks the trend

HENRY Boot & Sons, the builder and property developer, has continued to buck the trend in the construction industry with an increase in pre-tax profits from £6.36 million to £6.77 million for last year. Shareholders are rewarded with a final dividend of 19.5p, increasing the total by 2p to 27p. Earnings per share rose 21 per cent to 91.9p, helped by the decision to buy and cancel 190,000 shares during the year. Jamie Boot, the managing director, said that net cash reserves had risen to £14.6 million.

### German pay talks fail

GERMANY'S public sector faces its first strike in 18 years by the end of this month after pay talks failed. Unable to bridge the gap between a 4.8 per cent offer and the union's demand for a 5.4 per cent rise, public sector unions called a strike ballot next week. Union officials are confident the 75 per cent majority needed for a strike will be reached. A strike could then start by the end of the mon per cent just dotted the 'i' on our strike calls," said Monika Wulf-Mathies, president of OeTV, the public service union.

### Beckenham into loss

SHARES in Beckenham Group, the heating engineer and tool distributor, almost halved to a low of 6p, from 10.5p, as the group admitted big losses and write-offs for the year to October and suspended final dividend payments on both ordinary and preference shares. The delayed results show the group made a pre-tax loss of £5.45 million (£5.61 million profit), and has written £4.8 million off against reserves after the April 1991 acquisition of an outstanding holding in a Docklands joint venture threw up losses.

FR Group edges up

FR Group, the aerospace and defence contractor, made pretax profits of £21.4 million (£21.3 million) on a turnover of
£168.4 million (£169.2 million) in the year ended December. Michael Cobham, chairman, says the results should be seen as a commendable performance against a background of difficulties within the civil aircraft and defence markets. FR Group is paying a final dividend of 4.35p a share, making 6.69p (6.37p) for the year. The financial position remans strong, Mr Cobham says.

### Sweet brands saved

TWO of the best-known brand names in the confectionery industry have been saved after the company that owned them went out of business. The Keillers and Barker & Dobson brands are among four that have been acquired for E3 million by Portfolio Foods from the receiver of Alma Holdings. The sale all but completes the break-up of Alma, which went into receivership in February. Cadbury Schweppes acquired the Hacks and Victory V cough sweet brands last week from the receiver.

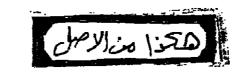
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of £257,000 for last year (£4.2 million profit). The final divi-

dend is 3.7p. making an unchanged 6.4p.

Herring rises Herring Baker Harris. a chanered surveyor, managed to earn pre-tax profits of £3.51 million (£3.48 million)

final dividend is 3.75p (3.5p). making 7p (6.5p). UniChem buy

UniChem has acquired another eight pharmacies for

£3.4 million in cash. plus stock at valuation.

Devenish deal JA Devenish is to lease 115 pubs from Whitbread, free of tie, for eight years.

### Pay settlements in manufacturing averaging 4.3%

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

PAY settlements in manufacturing averaged 4.3 per cent during the first quarter, only 0.3 per cent above the March inflation rate, according to the pay databank compiled by the Confederation of Brit-

Although the provisional figure is 0.1 per cent up on the figure for the fourth quarter of last year, it provides strong evidence that downward pressure on pay rises has been maintained. The figures almost certain-

THE value of the British and

international property portfo-

lio of Hammerson, Britain's

third-biggest property com-pany, fell an average 15.9 per cent last year to just under £2

The fall in asset value was

the main reason for the sharp

rise in Hammerson's gearing

ratio. Although net borrow-ings only rose £80 million to £824 million, gearing jumped

from 54 per cent to 78 per

cent. With higher borrowings

magnifying the impact of

lower property values,

Hammerson's net assets per

share fell 23 per cent, from

832p to 637p.
The worldwide fall in prop-

erty values was led by a 20 per

cent decline in Hammerson's

American portfolio and a 17

per cent fall in the group's

British properties. However,

in Germany, Spain and France, values fell only 3 per

cent, while Canada saw a 14

per cent slip and Australia 10

Sydney Mason, the chair-

man, said the majority of the

world's property markets

were experiencing the most

depressed conditions in living memory. Almost 60 per cent

of the group's assets are over-seas. John Parry, the manag-

ing director, was relaxed

about the rise in

Hammerson's gearing, although he would not want to

Bankrupt

**Bond loses** 

last hope

Bond's financial affairs.

Hanson sale

Kong company controlled by

Billinger and Berger, a Ger-

man construction company,

is paying A\$32.5 million (£14 million). Hanson will receive

a further A\$8 million when

West Industries has pub-

There is again no dividend.

Metsec reports a pre-tax loss

Metsec drops

West losses

sion in Perth.

Mr Bond has to give his

per cent.

Hammerson's

assets decline

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ly overstate the true level of increases, because they take no account of deferred settlements, which have now become commonplace.

According to the employers' organisation, one manufacturing company in six which was due to negotiate a pay rise during the first quarter has instead imposed a pay

Productivity growth in the three months to the end of March was 3.8 per cent. That was a fall from the 5 per cent

see it any higher. He said the

group's net rental income of £114 million covered the

£78.8 million gross interest charge by almost 1.5 times.

Of that total interest bill,

about £32.1 million has been

capitalised and added to the

book cost of developments

held in the balance sheet. The

amount of interest capitalised

is £2.3 million higher than it was in 1990, despite the fall in property values. Expendi-

ture was £110 million but will

fall sharply this year, as the

company has current com-

mitted expenditure of only

E31.4 million.

Pre-tax profits were £15.2 million lower at £55.5 mil-

lion, as opportunities for prof-

itable trading evaporated.

Below the line, an extraordi-

nary item of £96.6 million

reduced the company to an

attributable loss of £59.2 mil-

lion, against last time's £40.1

million profit. Despite that, Hammerson is maintaining

its final dividend at 17p, making an unchanged total

expected, having very largely

The extraordinary item was

productivity growth remains ahead of levels achieved a year ago. The rise in unit labour costs, a key indicator of the ability of British manufacturing companies to compete with overseas rivals, was 4.7

growth achieved during the

final quarter of 1991, but

per cent, year on year. However, this was no higher than the rise experienced by competitors in Japan and Germany, which were also affected by recession, the confederation said.

Sir John Banham, the CBI's director general, said settlements had been reduced to levels compatible with productivity improvements. "This reduces the threat of

inflation, helps competitiveness, and will ultimately prove good for jobs," he said. So long as pay deals remained modest, companies would be well placed to grow when their order books recovered, Sir John added.

The fall in pay settlements has been relatively rapid. Only a year ago, the CBI databank was recording average increases of 8 per cent. Deals are now running at the lowest level since the CBI began collecting figures in

The figures are likely to be a comfort to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor. Pay is nor-mally regarded as a lagging indicator in the battle against

☐ A survey of 349 companies by Manpower, the employ-ment services group, suggests that twice as many firms are now preparing to recruit staff than are planning job cuts.

The telephone poll found that 22 per cent of the com-

panies polied were planning to take on more people, an increase of 6 per cent over the level recorded before the election. The proportion plan-ning job cutbacks had fallen from 17 per cent to 11 per

been included in the group's However, the prospects of interim results. Most of it iob creation were concentratrelates to a £90 million ed in services. The proportion writedown in the value of a of manufacturing companies newly developed office block planning to add to their on Fifth Avenue, New York. workforces was almost identi-Hammerson plans to sell the cal to the proportion planbuilding floor by floor. ning further job cuts.

### Value of shares in Birse falls a third

By Jonathan Prynn

Alan Bond, once one of Australia's richest men, yes-SHARES in Birse Group, the terday lost his seven-month construction and property court battle against bankgroup, lost more than a third ruptcy. The Federal Court in of their value yesterday on Sydney rejected further legal moves to delay the appointnews that one of the group's biggest contracts had fallen ment of a trustee over Mr The failed contract was for

the construction of a hotel passport to the trustee, Mr Robert Ramsay of Bird Camand leisure complex at a £20 million two-course golf deveron, an accountancy firm. who will control his assets elopment at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex. The developer, and his lifestyle. Mr Bond did Quietwaters, a consortium backed by leading banks, has not appear at the hearing in Sydney as he was giving been placed in administrative evidence to a royal commisreceivership. As a result, Birse is to make an £8.5 million exceptional provision in its Hanson has sold the Austraaccounts for the year to end-April and is likely to report a lian construction and property interests of Beazer. The loss. The company will pass buyer. B&B Asia, a Hong

its final dividend. Birse had been in dispute with Quietwaters but had hoped to rescue the scheme through the investment of an unnamed third party that has pulled out.

Peter Birse, chairman of the Humberside company, described the outcome as "a pretty rotten business", but added that Birse had "no other clients likely to go pop."

The failure of the Quietwaters project completes a miserable year for Mr Birse. Pre-tax profits fell 62 per cent to £1.8 million at the half-way stage, ruining an otherwise unblemished record of profits growth throughout the course of the recession in the construction

At March 31, orders for 1992-3 were only 3 per cent down on the comparative level of a year previously. The shares closed at 43p, down



### Scottish Widows policies hit record

MONEY EDITOR

NEW business for Scottish Widows exceeded £1.5 billion for the first time last year. Single-premium business increased by 70 per cent to £1.403 million and annual premiums rose by 35 per cent to £194 million. Mike Ross,

Alexandra

slides

into loss

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ALEXANDRA Workwear,

which supplies a range of

work clothes, from boiler suits to doctors' coats, made a pre-

tax loss of £500,000 in the

year to February 1. The

company suffered from the

failure of the expected eco-

nomic recovery to materialise after a period of heavy capital

The loss was sustained after

heavy interest bill of £2.6

million and a £1.5 million

rationalisation of its Scottish

manufacturing plant. Last

time, Alexandra made a pre-

The company completed a

£15 million, three-year pro-gramme of investment in a

computerised distribution

system. It took borrowings to

£16 million and gearing to 73

Julian Budd, finance direc-

tor, said it was "inconceivable" that gearing would not fall below 50 per cent this year, because of the benefits

of the investment programme

John Prior, chairman and

chief executive, said the com-pany, which has a 30 per cent

share of the UK workwear

market, had seen an in-

creased level of enquiries over

the past three months. How-

ever, trading in the first eight

weeks of the current financial

year is running at about the

same level as the same period

The investment pro-

gramme meant production could be increased at little

additional cost, Mr Prior

said. He steps down as chair-

man in favour of Gerald

Dennis later this month. He will remain chief executive.

A reduced final dividend of

1.8p (3.2p) makes a total of

3.6p (5p) for the year.

in 1991.

and improved cash flow.

per cent at the year-end.

tax profit of £5.3 million.

expenditure.

company's main source of business was pensions. Despite the victory of the

Conservatives in the election, Scottish Widows was still concerned that the opposition parties proposed a radically different approach to pensions. "We strongly believe," Mr Ross said, "that it would

- distributors, providers and policyholders alike - to move to arrangements enabling long-term planning to be built into the process."

Scottish Widows reduced bonus rates in 1991 in the hope that that would to help to introduce a greater degree of realism into the market.

have followed suit. Mr Ross said that Scottish

Widows supported the proposed changes on disclosure of expenses to investors. However, the company felt disquiet that these would not apply to alternative savings methods offered by banks and building societies.

### Olympia & York begins individual bank meetings

EXECUTIVES at Olympia & York, the debt-laden Canadian property developer, yesterday began a series of one-toone meetings with key individual banks and banking syndicates. The meetings follow Mon-

day's presentation to 91 banks at which O&Y said it proposed to restructure only part of its \$19 billion of debt. Such a divide and rule policy is common in north American financial restructurings but virtually unknown in Britain, where "London rules" normally require the pain to be shared by all banks.

The situation is more complicated in the case of O&Y. because of the group's unorthodox approach to financing that was pioneered by Paul Reichmann, one of the three brothers who own the private company. Most of O&Y's C\$14 billion (£6.7 billion) property debt is secured on individual buildings. Even in the depressed property markets, this solid asset backing offers an individual bank, or banking syndicate, considerable security that will not be

given up lightly.

This variety of lending relied on O&Y's hitherto unimpeachable reputation for building successful developments. Bankers were happy to lend to individual O&Y projects without recourse to the parent company.

But O&Y also used its reputation to get bankers to lend to the parent company, particularly as the demands of funding the Canary Wharf project grew. Although much of this lending to the parent company is secured, the security in some cases ranks below that held by more conventionally secured lenders. For these banks, whose ulti-

By MATTHEW BOND mate guarantee was O&Y itself, the prospect of O&Y failing would leave them holding little more than worthless agreements.

Between US\$4 billion and

\$5 billion is believed to have been lent in this way and it is these debts that Steve Miller. the investment banker leading O&Y's refinancing, has made his top priority. About 50 banks are believed to be involved in this proportion of the debt, including a tenbank syndicate that advanced a \$2.5 billion consolidating loan in 1989 and a different ten-bank syndicate that advanced £500 million in 1990

towards Canary Wharf. The second banking syndicate, which also agreed to lend £52 million of further emergency funding last

ies developing the project. As well as rescheduling both the principal and inter-

with £250 million required over the next two years. month, does have some sec-

urity, in the form of a charge over some of the buildings at Canary Wharf. Contrast that with the position of four Candian banks that are reported as lending £450 million to the Canary Wharf project, but took as security shares in the O&Y subsidiar-

est elements of these loans, O&Y's refinancing package also spells out the need for additional resources. With O&Y's operations in the United States requiring no new money and Canada needing C\$100 million, the bulk of the fresh finance is needed to complete work at Canary Wharf. Some £100 million is needed almost immediately,



Financing pioneer: Paul Reichmann of O&Y

### Abu Dhabi is part owner of bombed City tower



Towering costs: the CU building at the centre of Friday's bomb blast

THE government of Abu Dhabi, a shareholder in the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International with Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, is part owner of the Commercial Union Tower, which was at the centre of the bomb explosion in the City on Friday.

The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), of which Sheikh Zayed is chairman and Mohammed Habroush, the finance minister, is managing director, owns part of the Commercial Union Tower through Goodwill Nominees. Commercial Union and Postel are the two other joint owners of the building. Ten of the 26 floors house Commercial Union, while groups with offices on other floors include Winterthur Insurance Company (UK), of Switzerland, Morgan Stanley, Sanwa Bank and Daiwa Bank

They have all lost business since the bomb explosion, but owners of large office blocks and property developments are also likely to be hard hit are also likely to be hard hit Construction groups, until multi-million pound among the hardest hit by the claims for building damage recession, are also assessing cates, which will limit costs,

at the property groups

worst affected by the

City bombing

and loss of rent are paid out. ADIA has received a double blow because their London offices are on the 18th floor of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, which suffered damage from the explosion. The site is owned, according to one property agency, by a Japanese trust.
The badly damaged build-

ing that is near the Commercial Union Tower and houses the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, is owned by the Union Bank of Switzerland and is worth an estimated £70 million. The James Capel building affected by the bomb is owned by Scottish Amicable.

Karen Woolfson looks the costs. Speyhawk has sent a team to look at its multimillion pound Exchequer Court development in St Mary Axe, which was due to be completed this year.
Great Portland Estates

owns three buildings in the area, one in St Mary Axe and two in Bishopsgate, while Trafalgar House jointly owns a nearby development with a subsidiary of Hanson. The Baltic Exchange, which

owns its own building, and Commercial Union are expected to be among the worst hit, but pension funds are also waking up to the costs. The University Superannuation Scheme owns two buildings in St Mary Axe: 61,700 members and more than 30,000 pensioners may be affected.

Many insurers and reinsurers will face claims as a result of the bomb blast. Commercial Union is the lead insurer for the Commercial Union Tower, while Royal Insurance is lead insurer of the Baltic Exchange and the Chamber of Shipping. However, the claims on all of the buildings tend to be covered by syndi-

### Shrinking strategy for banks in Japan

BY OUR CITY STAFF

JAPANESE banks might continue to trim both overseas assets and trading volumes in money and foreign exchange markets to my to reach international capital adequacy targets, a leading banker said.

Kenichi Suematsu, chairman of the Federation of Bankers' Associations, said banks would give top priority to local clients, although assets had to be be cut to meet capital adequacy ratios. They would find it difficult to achieve the internationally mandated 8 per cent ratio unless the 225-share Nikkei average rose to around 20,000.

Mr Suematsu, also chairman of Sakura Bank, said it would be hard to maintain at least 8.5 per cent of capital unless the Nikkei index rose to around 23,000 and stayed

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) has said that international banks should set aside capital equal to 8 per cent of risk-weighted assets by March next year. Worries have grown that Japanese banks might restrict lending because of plunges in Japanese share prices, which

are counted as part of capital. The 225-share Nikkei average fell below 20,000 last month and closed at 17,439.58 on Tuesday.

In the year to September, 1991, the big banks trimmed overseas assets and trading volumes in short-term money and foreign exchange mar-kets by 4 to 5 per cent. Their overall assets grew by about 1

Noting fears that restricted bank lending in the wake of share price plunges might create a credit crunch at home, Mr Suematsu said there had been no credit problem, partly because corporate demand for cash was

sluggish.

Domestic loans extended by Japan's 11 biggest banks grew by only 2.5 per cent in the year to March 31, the lowest figure since 1954, when it started surveying

banks, the federation said.
It attributed slow growth to stagnant corporate capital spending and weak demand from individuals for housing

and consumer loans. While expressing concern about the negative impact of international capital ratios on countries adopting the rules, Mr Suematsu said Japanese banks would not press the authorities to call for a revision of international capital

Nikkei rises, page 20

### ScotMet losses continue

SCOTTISH Metropolitan Property, the Glasgow property group, remains loss-making with a pre-tax loss for the six months to February 15 of E840,000, compared with a profit of E2.7 million in the first half of the preceding

The latest deficit comes six months after October's full-year loss of £8.4 million and three months after the departure of Gordon Milne as managing director.

Mr Milne was replaced by Scott Cairns, who said he planned to return ScotMet to its original property invest-ment activities by cutting back on development. The results show that Mr Milne and Paul Birch, the development director who also left in January, shared £201,000 in

ScotMet continues to be seriously affected by its high level of borrowings, which at the year end were more than £200 million, giving gearing of 140 per cent. By the half year end the net proceeds of some £39 million of property sales had reduced borrowings to £190 million.

The profit and loss account shows ScotMet's interim interest charge rising from E6.6 million to E10.3 million. but this actually disguises a modest improvement in the group's total interest bill.

With its development programme almost complete, the amount of interest capitalised into the balance sheet has fallen from £5.5 million to just £860,000. If the capitalised interest is added back, the group's total interest bill has fallen from £12.1 million to £11.2 million.

After the loss, the interim dividend has been cut from 2.53p to 1.5p. although the company intends to maintain the total payout at 4.4p.

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### RMC lays foundations for the upturn

A RAISED dividend, how-ever slight, can work wonders in a sector such as building, which is more used to seeing the traffic going in the opposite direction. That and pre-tax profits £5 million better than expected sent RMC Group's shares ahead by 22p to 606p, despite little indica-tion of better times in the medium term.

The builder benefited from a strong post-election surge that must have left some market-makers short of stock. There is little doubt that RMC is one of the big players who diversified at the right time and into the right markets, while maintaining tight control over the balance sheet. The group is traditionally cautious but little in the trading statement accompanying 1991 pre-tax profits down from £216.2 million to £167.4 million indicates that 1992 will be any better.

Donald Anderson at Hoare Govett is therefore looking for little change this year but believes the pre-tax figure will rise to about £197 million in 1993. RMC can reasonably hope to see some recovery from Britain and America, while Germany will continue to move ahead. Encouragingly also, businesses such as the DIY stores and concrete blocks will benefit ahead of the traditional ready-mixed concrete activities from any uptum.

In 1991, expansion boosted interest payments from £20 million to £34 million, though gearing was a comfortable 35 per cent at the year-end on the most conservative measure.

The most dramatic fall came in the UK, where operating profits tumbled from E89.7 million to E34.9 million as RMC lost marketshare to price-cutting com-

Germany performed strongly, up from £71.7 million to £90.4 million, although development in the East proved slower than expected and operations there made a loss. RMC has more than 30 plants in the five new German states and the business should recover sharply.

The group maintains a

niche position in the booming Israeli building market. which is busy keeping pace with the flow of immigrants from the old Soviet block. The shares have rightly

come back almost £1 from



Dividend raised again: John Gardiner of the Laird Group, which has seen a big first-quarter recovery

the levels of almost £7 sustained throughout most of last summer but they still sell on 16 times this year's likely earnings and 13.5 times those of 1993. The prospective yield is a below-average 4.6 per cent. Too early to buy for the

eventual recovery.

Laird Group HOW gratified the Laird

Group's boardroom must be with its ability to recommend its twentieth consecutive annual increase in the dividend without undue threat to the cash balances. And this at a time when so many motor industry suppliers are struggling to finance maintained

True, the directors are taking advantage of market con-

ditions to raise £41.4 million from shareholders, but perish the thought that Laird needs the money to support its dividend policy.

While it has not escaped the recession, Laird has coped with it better than anyone who relies on the motor manufacturing industry for two thirds of its business, restricting the pre-tax decline to 27 per cent at £28.4 million and that in earnings per share to 28 per cent at 17.5p, even after writing off £3 million of startup costs at its new German and Spanish plants.

Laird's resilience owes much to a near-independence of the UK economy: 85 per cent of profits are earned overseas, which may well increase this year with the two new continental plants already up, running and contributing profits. It also benefited as a supplier to the two successful high-volume models last year, the Golf and the Astra.

Having won all the contracts it can for the next new popular model due, the Polo in 1994, Laird is understandably confident.

The one-for-five rights is-sue will leave gearing in its mid-teens and implies that chairman John Gardiner's desire to re-establish interest cover, currently 4.5, closer to its more traditional levels of about 10 is no more than 12 months from fulfilment This is a view strengthened by the group's claim that it has seen a significant recovery in the first quarter of 1992.

Assuming an ex-rights price of 265p, the shares actually strengthened yesterday, representing a re-

sponse hard to dispute. If Laird can make return to profits of, say, £36 million this year, they are selling for less than 14 years' earnings. a discount to the market. There can be few better longterm investments in the

### **Taylor** Woodrow

THE four men in Taylor Woodrow's corporate logo, seen tugging hard on a rope (presumably with the object of pulling the company for-ever forward), fell flat on their backs in the year ended December. TW reports an £86.1 million swing from pre-tax profits of £83.4 million to pre-tax losses of £2.7

The group is maintaining

the final dividend at 7.64p (but only because of the forecast at time of the April, 1991 rights issue), making an unchanged 9.5p a share total. Prudence would otherwise have suggested a sharp dividend cut. But the market rightly fears that although there should be some profits recovery in 1992, the axe must inevitably fall on 1992 dividend payments.

The exceptional £46.5 million item taken against prof-its is the accounting charge that tipped TW into losses in 1991, but the charge, none-theless, is associated with earlier management decisions — the timing of which is now proved to have been out of joint.

Writedowns against the St Mary Abbots development total £25 million, there is a £7.4 million writedown against UK housing land, a further £5.3 million against interests in Spain and £6 million is taken against owner-occupied properties.

Colin Parsons, who assumed the position as chairman only three weeks ago, is determined from here on to simplify and rationalise the number of areas of opera-tion, to cut costs across the board and to redress damaged ratios.

Contracting was the only division to run into losses (£19.6 million against pre-vious profits of £14.1 million) and, though America was a sick area and Europe was not much better, at least profits in Britain rose from £51.2 million to £57.4 million.

Net debt, helped by the £162 million rights issue made at 200p a share a year ago, is down from £205 million to £156 million, thereby lowering gearing from 30.3 per cent to 23 per cent. But interest cover is down from 9.3 times to 0.6.

There is some consolation that the gap between net worth and share price is less at TW than at many others in its sector. With the shares at 129p, up 9p, the discount is 20.5 per cent to a net worth of 162.4p a share.

If the logo men manage to pull in pre-tax profits of £13 million in 1992, it would mean net earnings of only 1.5p a share. And if cash preservation remains a goal. then Taylor Woodrow cannot be generous on the dividend front. The shares are only for

### WALL STREET

### IBM's strong profits give Dow early boost

higher in early trading, boost-ed by IBM's stronger than expected first-quarter earnings. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 7 points to 3.276.9. The slowing in activity in Chicago's futures mar-kets, caused by flooding on Monday, helped to curtail share volume.

☐ Tokyo — Prices ended moderately firmer after a seesaw day. The Nikkei index rose 202.93 points, or 1.18 per cent, to 17,439.58 after slumping by 614 points on

□ Frankfurt — Prices fell. from their highs to end 0.3 per cent up from Monday's close, but turnover and interest were waning in the approach to the Easter break.

New York — Shares were higher in early trading, boost-points higher at 1,732.53.

□ Hong Kong — Shares ended little changed in dull trading as an Easter holiday mood prevailed. The Hang Seng index slipped by 5.61 points to 4.883.53 after trading in a narrow range.

☐ Sydney — Investors sat back and watched the market limp alongside Japan's nervous Nikkei index in the quietest day's trading for more than a year. The all-ordinaries index closed 4.5 points down at 1,565.6.

☐ Singapore — Shares ended slightly higher after moving in narrow ranges in thin trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 3.46 points to 1,377.32. (Reuter)





### **Henry Boot** PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1991 1990 Turnover £129.9m £131.0m Profit before tax £6.8m £6.4m Earnings per share 91.9p 76.1p Dividends per share 27.0p. 25.0p Net assets per share £7.86 £7.15 The 1991 Report and Accounts are to be posted to Shareholders on 30 April 1992. Copies may be obtained from the Company Secretary:

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### **Preliminary** Announcement of 1991 Results

Year ended 31st December 1991

Financial Highlights 1991

**TURNOVER** 

£2,589.3m£2,797.7m

PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION £167.4m £216.2m

EARNINGS PER SHARE

36.0p

57.9p

Proposed final dividend of 13.4p (1990 12.9p) making a total for the year of 20.0p - an increase of 3.6%

The 1991 Annual Report will be posted to shareholders on 27th April 1992. To reserve a copy, telephone 0932 568833.

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### STOCK MARKET

### Bank sector heightens takeover speculation

BID fever is gripping the market with City speculators guessing where the next takeover attempt will emerge. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's long-awaited terms for the Midland Bank, 7p lower at 365p, turned out to be the catalyst that the speculators had been waiting for after the months of famine that had seen the level of

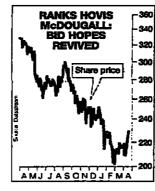
takeover activity plummer. HSBC's terms value Midland at 53.1 billion. It is offering one new share and 100p in bonds, making Midland worth the equivalent of 378p a share. Midland described the offer as fair and reasonable, but one investor appeared to dislike the allpaper package.

Hoare Govett, the broker, was believed to have attempted to place 60 million shares. reportedly owned by the Ku-wait Investment Office, at 362p each in the market. However, the broker was later forced to withdraw. By the close of business, a total of 29 million shares had changed hands. Talk of a counterbid from Lloyds, down 5p at 390p, or from Deutsche Bank continues to circulate.

The offer from HSBC was at the lower end of expectations and had to take into account options totalling 33 million shares belonging to Midland employees, which would have added an extra £125 million to the terms. The market is still con-

vinced that other big bids may be on the way after the Ranks Hovis McDougall rose op to 227p - making a gain of 17p during the past

two weeks — amid claims that another offer may be just around the corner. A couple of years ago. RHM was the target of an unsuccessful offer from a consortium that included Sir James Goldsmith. But since then, the group's fortunes have declined with the baking and milling opera-tion failing to provide adequate returns because of overcapacity and increased competition. RHM is again



regarded as vulnerable and parts of its business could attract predators. Kwik Save is seen as another takeover target with Dairy Farm International, the Hong Kong food group, still clinging to a 25 per cent stake. Kwik Save rose 15p to 568p.

The rest of the market continued to make headway in the wake of last week's Conservative victory, although it remains clear that investors are unwilling to pay exorbi-tant prices for stock. The FT-SE 100 index passed the

Shares in Vistec, the USM electronic components and computer services group, were unchanged at 15p with just a couple of weeks of its financial year left to go. The word is that Vistee should comfortably exceed the pre-tax profits of £2.5 analysts.

2.600 level after rallying from a hesitant start. It finished 9.5 better at 2.600.5. Turnover was again reasonably high with 605 million shares traded. However, dealers des-cribed trading as thin.

The better than expected industrial production figures bolstered sentiment. Another strong performance by the pound failed to impress government securities, which finished unchanged at the long-

er end. The other banks closed mixed with Barclays IIp better at 316p as worries about

its exposure to Olympia & York, the troubled Canadian property developer, began to fade. National Westminster finished 1p firmer at 311p.

Guinness fell 13p to 588p after LVMH-Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, its French associate, complained that sales

in Japan were beginning to slip. The companies have cross-holdings. Wellcome fell 21p to £11.10 on reports that Bristol-Myers, the American pharmaceuticals group, was developing a rival to Retrovir.

Wellcome's anti-Aids drug. Smiths Industries eased 3p to 295p ahead of trading news. The speculators claim that once the figures are out of the way the group may launch its much-talked of bid

for Dowty, up 6p at 124p.

Taylor Woodrow, the construction group and property developer, rose 10p to 130p despite diving into the red last year. But the dividend was maintained despite City anxiety that a cut was on the

RMC Group advanced 18p to 602p despite a drop in profits and a gloomy state-

ment about prospects.

Tarmac, reporting today, jumped 10p to 145p, while Blue Circle Industries, also unveiling figures today, added 9p to 287p. Hammerson held steady at 362p with the A 2p firmer at 334p. Pre-tax profits in 1991 dropped from £70.7 million to £55.5 million although the dividend was

Laird Group fell 6p to 268p after announcing plans to raise f41.1 million by rights issue at 220p designed to finance the expansion of its core business.

James Wilkes firmed by

another 2p to 150p. This will be good news for Petrocon. which recently made a bid and received acceptances of 35.9 per cent

Cronite surged 15p to 44p on learning the details of the £7.3 million recommended offer from AFE, the French

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WALL STREET

### Lloyds should look elsewhere

any of the key figures were absent when the chief executives of Hongkong Bank and the Midland finally presented their agreed takeover plan in London yesterday. Midland mentally signed approximation in the signed approximation in the signed approximation and the signed approximation in the signed approximation and the signed approximation in the signed approximation and the signed approximat mentally signed away its independence long ago. William Purves, chairman of HSBC, was back in Hong Kong, doubtless convincing local share-holders that raising the tax bill in order to move the holding company to London was to their advantage. Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, the jilted suitor, maintained the strained public silence he has kept since HSBC announced its bid intentions four weeks ago. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, was quietly hoping nothing bloody would ensue.

If Sir Jeremy and Brian Pitman, his tough chief executive, saw their opportunity in a relatively low bid from HSBC, they will have been encouraged. The offer, mainly in shares, values Midland at less than 30 per cent more than its depleted net assets, which are modest relative to its irreplaceable retail banking franchise and prominent positions in other markets. By contrast Lloyds shares trade at almost doubles. double net assets, albeit the premium also reflects its

big life assurance interests. This is no time for an international bank to weaken its balance sheet in the cause of expansion. Mr Purves needed to bolster even this bid by revealing unexpectedly munificant hidden reserves of about El billion. If he tried to increase the bid by much, it would soon be bogged down in a soggy HSBC share price. The calculations are quite different for Lloyds, which would pay for its rival by swinging the axe at duplicated overheads, removing large swathes of the overlapping branch network along with its employees. In effect, Lloyds would buy a balance sheet and close a bank. No wonder Mid-

land thought its earlier approach unrealistic.

Any Lloyds bid would have to go through the Monopolies Commission and might well not emerge in recognisable form. The competition authorities, along with retailers and small business groups, are far from happy about the existing level of competition among big banks, let alone further competition on the scale emissioned by I lorde. The concentration on the scale envisaged by Lloyds. The contrast with HSBC's potential invigoration of Midland as a competitor is striking. The risk of a Lloyds bid being vetoed is therefore so great that Midland shareholders must prefer what HSBC has on offer unless Lloyds bid an awful lot more.

cross Princes Street from the Midland's A headquarters, the Bank of England shares the likely preference of the competition authorities, if for different reasons. In 1981, a stuffier Governor strongly opposed the Hongkong Bank's attempt to take over the Royal Bank of Scotland. The Bank claimed this might endanger its authority because control would go overseas and it could not rely on the Hongkong Bank to do its bidding. HSBC had crossed the Governor by making a hostile bid when he had blessed a mooted merger between Royal and Standard Chartered. Times and personalities have changed, but nothing could better have pleased the Bank than HSBC's plan to move its global base to London next year, making the Bank lead regulator for HSBC as well

Lloyds is now in danger of disturbing banking dignity with a hostile bid. The Bank is more relaxed about such things, but still anxious to show a clear preference for agreed deals when the single European market could inaugurate a free-for-all. Lloyds would, at the least, be reminded of the bitter battle that ensued when it made a hostile bid for Standard Chartered in 1986. Fortunately for Lloyds shareholders, that failed. Maybe Sir Jeremy should take another look.

### One man broadcasts vision into Europe out of Africa

South African reforms have enabled M-Net.

that nation's top

glamour stock, to

spread its news, says Jon Ashworth

■on Vosloo is a man with a vision. He wants to bring news and entertainment to the remotest corners of sub-Saharan Africa and turn M-Net, the South African pay television channel he runs, into one of the world's most profitable media enterprises. His success would pay tribute to the energies released by the transformation of South African business from

pariah to acceptable partner.

Today, M-Net takes a key step towards Mr Vosloo's vision by starting joint broadcasts to Africa with the BBC. The BBC has been keen to add Africa to its World Service television network, which currently reaches Asia and the Middle East. M-Net's core of films and entertainment programmes will be supplemented by BBC news bulletins.

While he brings BBC television to Africa, however, Mr Vosloo is mov-ing into Europe. M-Net is part of a consortium bidding for FilmNet, a Swedish entertainment channel that reaches 585,000 subscribers in six countries, though principally Sweden and The Netherlands. M-Net has teamed up with Richemont, the tobacco to luxury goods group and overseas arm of South Africa's Rupert family. M-Net raised 250 million rand (£50 million) last year in a rights issue to fund its side of the deal and is talking to several prospective European venture partners, including Canal Plus, the French pay television channel. The deal will make 18 million European households potential customers of M-Net. which is the third-biggest television station of its kind outside America, after Canal Plus and BSkyB.

Mr Vosioo, chairman of M-Net, can barely contain his delight. "We have now gone further into Africa and made a big jump into Europe. The Europeans can't believe that something like this has come out of Africa. They think: 'How can these people be so technologically advanced? We ve got teams operating in Europe giving technological advice to the Italians, to the Turks, to the Cypriots, we're all over, we're in

Brazil. We saw the gap."

Since M-Net's flotation on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange 18 months ago, the group has become South Africa's glamour stock. Shareholders saw a return of 373 cent in a year. In South Africa. M-Net subscribers use a decoder to unscramble a signal transmitted over the usual television network, rather than BSkyB-style individual satellite dishes.

Programmes to the rest of Africa are beamed via a satellite straddling the equator and relayed to a single dish on a hotel, office block or a village of mud huts, if need be. A small local transmitter relays the signal to nearby television sets. Mr



Breaking the news: Ton Vosloo, head of M-Net, which plans a global television network

Vosloo's dream is to be able to feed M-Net to the remotest villages in Africa. He said: "With a satellite up, you can have a smaller dish in a local community and with a couple of hundred rand you can relay it. It's very cheap that way because you don't need cables."

Since many rural communities lack electricity or simply cannot afford the service - South Africans pay up to £14 a month for it - it makes sense to target large cities and resorts first. M-Net began broadcasting to Namibia in December, launches its Kenyan service in June and has signed up about 7,000 hotels in Africa. Nairobi alone has a potential market of 25,000

subscribers. It may not end there. Mr Vosloo said: "Our satellite signal, the footprint, is now going right around the St of AITIC the Arabian world, and you can actually pick up M-Net in any Arabic state in the Middle East. So if we want to expand at some time, we can easily do what we're doing in Kenya

M-Net broadcasts films, shows and sports coverage 24 hours a day. A standard package will be beamed by satellite to African countries with news supplied locally. One of the ironies of M-Net is that its dominant newspaper groups. Television was introduced in South Africa only in 1976 and television advertising was banned for the first two years because of fears about its impact on newspaper revenues. When advertising was permitted, the consequences were devastating. Mr Vosloo, a former newspaperman, said: "We lost over 30 per cent of our revenues in the first couple of years after the introduction of advertising on TV. This monster was gobbling up our revenues and no-one seemed

n 1985, he was telephoned from New York by Koos Bekker, an Afrikaans law graduate who was studying electronic commu-nication at Columbia University. Mr Bekker saw scope for a new He proposed a pay television channel which derived 70 per cent of income from equipment — the sale and leasing of decoders — rather than advertising.
Mr Vosloo had good political con-

to care about it."

nections thanks to a career as a political journalist and agreed to lobby for the new service. A licence was granted on the basis that all the owners of daily newspapers were given a say. M-Net went on the air

shareholders are six South African in 1986, with Mr Vosloo as chair man and Mr Bekker as chief executive. Six years later, 40 per cent (675,000 homes) of those who own television sets in South Africa subscribe to it, while the newspaper backers have made a paper fortune out of their investments.

The prospect of a South African company screening films in Europe was unimaginable before President FW de Klerk launched his reforms two years ago. Mr Vosloo said: "We were on the look out for opportunities internationally apart from Africa and I think de Klerk made it possible. When this thing cropped up in Europe, the timing was spot on. We couldn't have moved a year previously, we couldn't have put out one finger in Europe. We would have been shot down in flames because of the South African

Even expansion in Europe and Africa may not be enough to satisfy M-Net's ambitions. The company was due to bid for a station in New Zealand but lost to Time Warner. It has cast its eye over the Australian market, which is opening to competition. Mr Vosloo said: "The satellite now makes it possible for us to become an international player. The Europeans and the Americans know it and they're all jumping."

### **National** Savings back in fashion

ncoming ministers at the Trea-sury may view with mixed feel-ings one of the public sector's more notable success stories of last year. The net intake of money into National Savings more than dou-bled from £1.35 billion in 1990-1 to £3.13 billion in 1991-2.

Last month alone, £511 million flowed in, the biggest monthly rise in the £40 billion savings pool since

August 1984. If only people had spent all that money in the high street, ministers might muse, the economy would surely have picked up that crucial bit earlier. There could, however, be no such easy equation. In practice, the money would only have been put into some other savings medium had it not been attracted to the state, and a direct government appeal to the public for funds should come in handy this year and next.

A few years ago, National Savings was seen in government circles as something of an embarrassment. Higher savings might have stopped the boom getting out of hand. The government, however, did not need the money when the borrowing requirement was shrinking and the public sector was even repaying part of the national debt.

Premium bonds and savings certificates also carried something of an ideological stigma. The government, with its bottomless pockets, was thought to be competing unfairly with the private savings market.

This advantage is most obvious in issues of index-linked savings certificates, which accounted for more than El billion of the net inflow last year and could prove a better bargain for the government than the investor if the public were wrong and the government right about the downtrend in inflation.

The sudden deterioration in. public finances has already removed any lingering ideo-logical qualms. Interests rates on National Savings, which were not too competitive a while ago, have already been made relatively more attractive by the simple expedient of not cutting returns in line with falling market interest rates.

In the Budget, Norman Lamont announced a new short-term fixed interest bond, aimed at the ordinary axpayer, which has yet to be named but which the government hopes might bring in up to £3 billion after it is launched in the summer.

The Chancelior expects to borrow £28 billion in 1992-3 and even more in 1993-4. Some money could be attracted from abroad but most of the funding will need to come from British financial institutions ab sorbing a large proportion of their extra cash. The corporate private sector is, therefore, in danger of being crowded out of the capital market as insurance companies and pension funds divert their cash inflow into the rising tide of gilt-edged issues. The more the public can be persuaded to chip in directly via National Savings the better.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT Financial Editor

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### Shipman to the rescue FRANK Shipman, aged 46,

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owner of City Gym, which was situated in the basement of the Baltic Exchange, and was devastated in Friday's bomb blast, is setting up a support group for small noninstitutional businesses such as his own, and local shops and sandwich bars, which have been forced to cease operations overnight. Shipman spent most of Sunday escorting police round the ruins of his gym in the Exchange building and was back on the scene yesterday to collect various papers. "The thing you feel most is that you just don't know what to do next." he says. "Unlike the big institutions, who know what to do about insurance claims, relocation and so on, people like us feel completely stranded and don't know which way to turn." Small businesses who would like to join the group can contact Shipman on 081-570 8548. He would also be glad to hear from any stranded members of his gym, too.

### Driving in neutral

AS BEFITS a former Treasurv civil servant. Peter Spencer, aged 42, the new chief economist at Kleinwort Benson, is coy about revealing his political affiliations. Spencer. who had been chief UK economist at Lehman Brothers for the last three years, has had plenty of practice in remaining politically neutral - he served both the Callaghan and Thatcher governments. Those who think his membership of the Insitute of Economic Affairs, a right-wing think tank, is indicative of his



political colours would, he says, be wrong to jump to con-clusions. Although the IEA includes right-wing economists Tim Congdon and Patrick Minford among its membership. Spencer says it would be incorrect to infer anything from this, or from his monetarist credentials. "I am a monetary economist rather than a monetarist," he says. "Just because I was on a right-wing think tank doesn't mean I was politically right wing." Unlike monetarists, it seems, monetary economists can be of either political

Worth his salt WILLIAM Cortazzi, the 30year-old leading the £48.5 million buyout of ICI's salt businesses, admits that he trawled around several venture capitalists before eventually finding backing from Foreign & Colonial Ventures. He swears, however, that F&C's support had nothing to do with his having friends in high places. His father, Sir Hugh Contazzi, once "our man" in Japan, is, in fact, a non-executive director of Foreign & Colonial Pacific Trust. William, who was born in

Japan, insists that his father knew about the deal only after it was done and says that he finds the whole idea of his father being involved in venture capital amusing. "He's basically an academic and a foreign office man," he says. "He's now advising Foreign & Colonial on the Far East but I don't think the management buyout business is quite him." Despite his father's restraining influence — "he is always urging me to be more conservative" — Cortazzi junior is enjoying life as risktaking entrepreneur. Even ten years at ICI after starting as a graduate trainee have

not held him back. "It's

meant to be a 'job for life' and

if you're not there for life,

you've failed. That's not how I

see it," he says. Clearly a man

**CITY DIARY** 

### No contest BOB Tyrrell, head of the

to watch . . . .

Henley Centre for Forecasting, Britain's premier establishment for predicting and analysing social trends, is known as a man who does not suffer fools gladly. When interviewed in January for a Times Business Profile, the millionaire - from his 20 per cent stake in the centre after its 1986 management buyout and subsequent purchase by WPP - described himself as a man who gets to the future before the rest of us. "It's not that difficult to predict the future," he said, "If you spend all your time doing it you become an expen". When then asked who would win the election and when, he replied with supreme confidence, "In April and it will be won by the Conservative

### Questions to ask on top salaries

G. A. Higham

Sir, There has been concern expressed in your columns about large salaries. I write as chairman of a

substantial industrial company, though in a personal capacity. I am concerned that the apparent actions of the few should be taken as the practice of the many. Most salaries at the top of industrial businesses are nothing like some of the examples mentioned recently.

There are two questions Are the recent increases cited (for example British Gas but there have been others) justified? Second, is the size of the salary right?

On the first point, it seems impossible to defend salary increases much greater than increases in profits. The salary committees concerned should be more conscious of

The second question is more difficult. What should the salary for the head of a very large company be? It should presumably be based on what is needed to attract a successful incumbent and also what the company can afford.

On the first point, it is suggested that international comparisons are important. This seems overdone and such comparisons are only meaningful if all other factors are taken into account, for example, wage levels and the cost of living in the countries concerned, together with their culture.

More to the point for industry is competing with the lev-els of salary in the professions which industry uses - particularly accounting, the law, and the City. These are not so widely published but there seems evidence to suggest that top salaries are very high (a recent survey of legal salaries mentioned figures of £500,000). Whilst one is impressed by the quality of the

their charges. The best defence of the level of industrial salaries, including the highest, must lie in the need to attract a full share of the available talent, and for the new entrant to see that as he, or she, climbs the ladder. substantial rewards are pos-

professionals, one has to say

that it seems fully reflected in

But, as always, moderation and openness are needed in what is bound to be a controversial area. Yours faithfully.

G. A. HIGHAM. 32 East St Helen Street. Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

### Letter to The Times helped small firm

From Mrs Barbara

Sir, My letter published on April 8 regarding bank charges for small businesses seems to have caused quire a stir. Readers may like to know that on publication day we were visited by the Chief Manager, Corporate Bank-CAROL LEONARD | ing Group, National West-

minster Bank, Bedford and the Regional Small Business Adviser. A very helpful and informative discussion ensued and we have resolved the problem in a most satisfactory manner. Thank you

Yours faithfully. BARBARA WOODCOCK.

### Easy audit pickings

From Mr Alan Ducker Sir. Stella Fearnley drew attention (Accountancy Times. April 9) to the part played by the failures of the accountancy profession in its audit role recent big company

scandals. She also said that the Act makes no distinction between the rules for the very small company and the multinational, and that in the past the abolition of audits for very small companies was opposed by the Inland Revenue, the banks and the trade department.

But she could have gone on to say that the profession itself has the biggest vested interest of all in retaining audits for very small companies.

Where else in the world is there such a vast guaranteed income from fees for doing tiny audits?

The audit is especially absurd where a company has had to be set up for the sole purpose of splitting a large house into (say) six flats, so that the leaseholders can also be their own freeholders.

With no turnover whatsoever (other than possibly an insurance policy premium), any accountant would expect to demand a fee of at least £100 for the audit of that one invoice.

No wonder so many people make the effort to obtain accountancy qualifications each year, rather than, say, engineering ones. Yours faithfully, ALAN DUCKER, 3 Allenby,

Bath. Letters intended for publication in The Times Business and Finance section can also be sent by fax. The number is 071-782 5112.

Lansdown Road,

### DTI confirms an ancient universal law

From Mr Hugh ApSimon Sir, Mrs Catherine Stott's description (Business Letters, April 9) of the DTI's delays

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merely confirms an ancient and universal law. I first heard it explicitly stated by Professor Hartree, 40 years ago. I cannot give his exact words; but, fairly closely: "Ask the man in charge of a

project how long it will be before he completes it. He will give you a time - 'nine months', for example. Some months later, ask him the same question. He will give you the same answer (nine

months' in my example). The answer is independent of the timing of the

depending only on the project. I call this constant Hartree's constant of the project'. It occurs in every branch of science (and may well occur elsewhere). The extreme rarity of ex-

question. It is a constant.

ceptions goes to reinforce the general validity of the rule." Mrs Stott's example suggests that Professor Hartree was prescient with his "may well occur elsewhere".

I am, Sir, your obedient servant HUGH ADSIMON, Badgers' Sett. Old Bisley Road. Frimley,

### Failure merits no 'golden goodbyes'

From R. S. Fraser

Sir. Your correspondent Mr B. Jenkins (Business Letters, April 10) makes it clear that the IoD supports the view that performance should be the basis of payment for chairmen and, presumably, also other senior directors.

This should also mean that poor performance should not be rewarded by the large termination payments (under the generous contracts they wrote for themselves while in

power) which we often see paid to people fired or made to resign because of their failure. It would be interesting to know whether the IoD accepts this implication of the above view and, if so, whether it should publicly condemn the practice.

Yours faithfully. R. S. FRASER. South View. Cliffside. Wilmslow, Cheshire.

### Inland Revenue levies 'tax on paying tax'

From Mr Anthony Good Sir. J. C. S. Mackie (Business

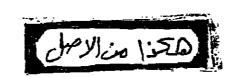
Letters, April 9), makes a very valid point on the cost to taxpayers of proving to the Inland Revenue that assessments made on them are too

Not only is it arguably extremely unjust that accountancy costs in preparing tax

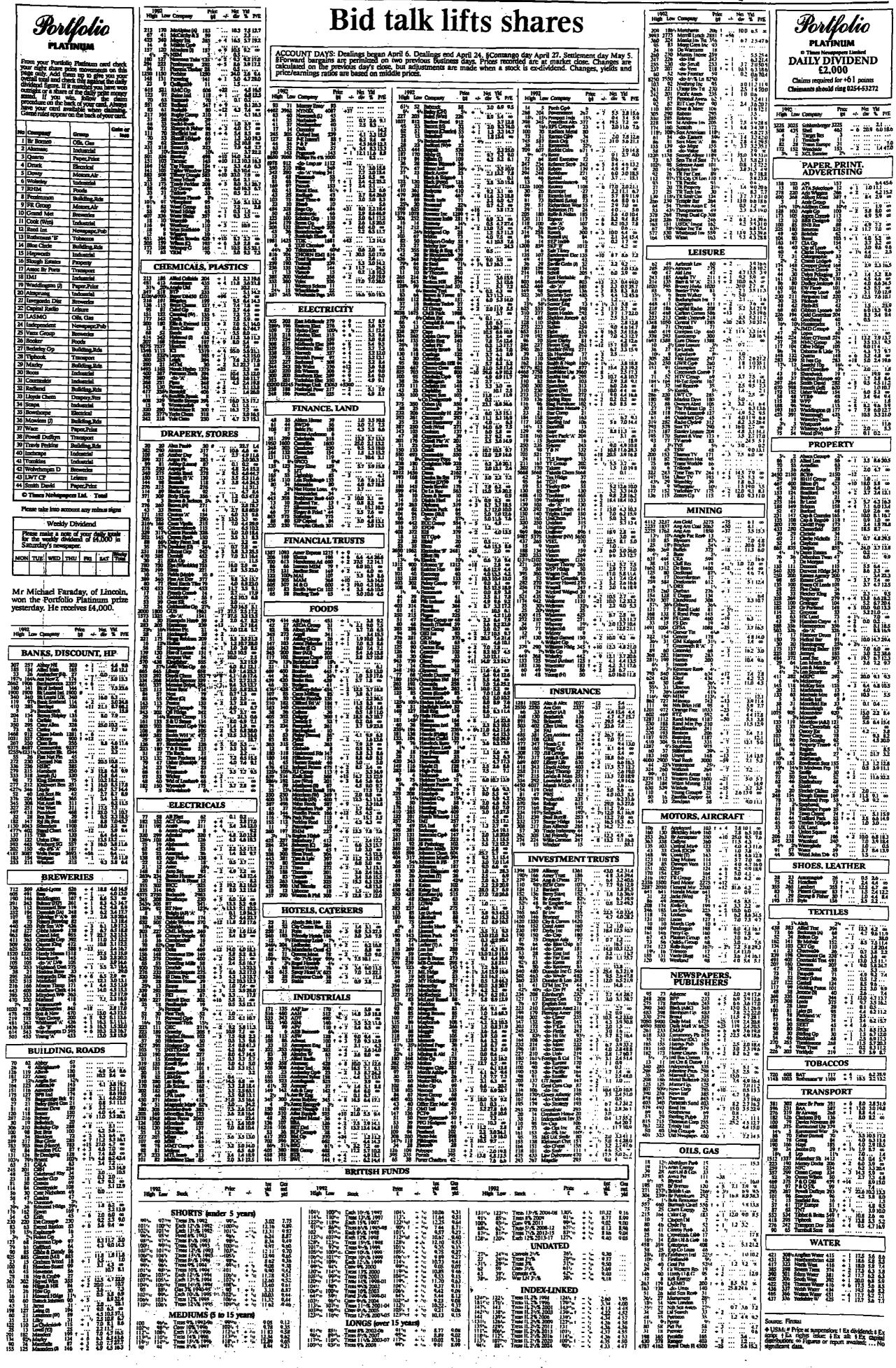
returns are non-allowable by the Inland Revenue, but the imposition of value added tax on those costs (a tax on paying a tax?) adds insult to

Yours sincerely, ANTHONY B. M. GOOD. 39 Bullingham Mansions, Kensington Church Street.

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### Seville builds bridges to the future

Exactly 500 years after Columbus set sail to discover the New World,

Peter Strafford visits Andalusia and finds it pressing for a role in Europe

xpo '92, the much-heraided international exhibition, will open in Seville on Monday. It is a remarkable display of late 20thcentury architecture that will, it is hoped be the start of a new era for Andalusia. For one of Expo's main objectives is, by drawing attention to the region, to boost its economy.

The exhibition is being held this year because 1992 is the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World, and Spain as a whole has seized on it as an opportunity to show the world what the country has achieved since the death of General Franco in 1975.

For Andalusia, however, it is more than that. It is true that Columbus set sail from Andalusia, from the small port of Palos, but 1992 is also a chance to give a new impetus to the region's push for modernisation. Expo, whose hightech exhibits contrast with the oldworld charm of much of Seville, is a symbol of this resolve.

In times gone by, Andalusia was one of the most prosperous parts of Spain, and even of Europe. The valley of the Guadalquivir was fertile and rich under the Romans, who called it the Baetis, and again under the Moors, who gave it its present name. A Roman bridge still carries traffic across the Guadalquivir at Córdoba, and massive chunks

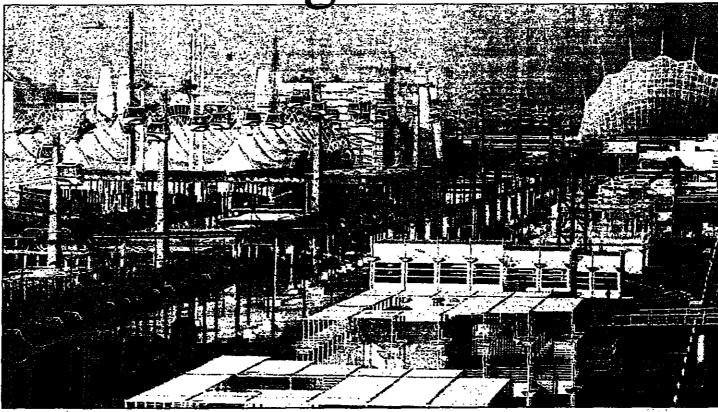
of masonry survive from the amphitheatre at Italica, a few miles outside Seville, where the emperors Trajan and Hadrian were born.

The Moorish presence is even more marked: the great mosque at Cordoba, the tower of the cathedral in Seville, originally a minaret, and the exquisite palaces and gardens of the Alhambra at Granada. The Moors left their mark on much of Spain, but it was strongest in Andalusia, where they remained for nearly 800 years.

After they were finally defeated 500 years ago and, in the same year. Columbus discovered the New World, Seville, the capital of Andalusia, grew rich on trade with the Americas.

The region declined, however, becoming one of the more backward parts of Europe, famous chiefly for its exotic appeal and for its tourist resorts on the Costa del Sol. Manuel Chaves, premier of the junta, or regional government, of Andalusia, says that it has the same difficulties as Spain as a whole, but in a more acute form.

The region is moving out of its state of under-development, he says, and towards integration with the rest of Europe. But it still has high unemployment — nearly 25 per cent, official figures show — it is not yet competitive with the rest of the European Community, and there is an imbalance between the



Architecture of the future: the striking, high-tech buildings and exhibits of Expo '92 symbolise the region's push for modernisation

richer areas, on the Costa del Sol and in the west of the region, and the poorer hinterland. Expo, therefore, has two main

airns. The first is to provide a focal point for huge public works. Señor Chaves says that 1.5 million million pesetas (£8 billion) has been invested in Andalusia in preparation for Expo. This has financed,

among other things, a new highspeed train service between Madrid and Seville, new motorways and dual carriageways, new airport terminals and a new telecommunications system in Seville.

The investments were needed, Señor Chaves says, not just for Expo, but for the long-term aim of improving communications: within Andalusia, between Andalusia and the rest of Spain and, beyond, with the rest of Europe. They had been criticised in other regions, which grudged so much money going to Andalusia, and the high-speed train had been a particular target, on the ground that it was a

waste of money. But a peripheral

region such as Andalusia had to be

better integrated with the rest of

The second objective is to draw attention to Andalusia's own potential, and attract foreign multinationals. This process has already begun, and in recent years Andalusia has had a healthy rate of economic growth, with some significant foreign investment. Since

1982 it has also had, like other Spanish regions, its own statute of autonomy. The system of regional autonomy has meant not just greater freedom for Andalusians, and others, to run their own affairs, but a transfer of funds from the richer regions to the poorer ones, and Andalusia has been one of the gainers.

olitically, the region is a stronghold of the Socialist party. Felipe González, the prime minister, comes from Seville, and Señor Chaves is a Socialist. But though the Socialists remain strong in the countryside, there has been a move away from them in some of the towns.

In last year's municipal election in Seville, the capital of the region, the Socialists lost their overall majority, though they remained the largest party, and a coalition of the nationalist Partido Andalucista (PA) and the conservative Partido Popular (PP) took control Alejandro Rojas Marcos, the founder of the PA, became mayor. Andalusia is a region where personalities often count as much as policies, and Señor Rojas Marcos claims he has given a greater personality to the city council. His party, while not advocating independence for Andalusia, wants greater autonomy.

The ultimate test of Expo's

The ultimate test of Expo's success will come after it closes its doors on October 12. It is important for Andalusia, and for Spain as a whole, that the world should come to Seville and be dazzled by Expo. But the longer-term question is whether it will bring about a lasting improvement in Andalusia's quality of life, and prospects for the future.

# Still room for a walk on the wild side

Conservationists are fighting plans for coastal development that

threaten an unspoilt paradise

ndalusia is best known for its resorts on the Costa del Sol, for the ancient cities of Seville, Córdoba and Granada, and, this year, for Expo '92, being held in Seville. It is Spain's largest region, however, and there is another Andalusia, covering 17 per cent its land area, which is its many unspoilt

The best known is the Coto Doñana national park, not far from Seville, to the southwest. It is one of Europe's biggest unspoilt areas, teeming with wildlife, and an ideal place for photo safaris. A way station for a great number of Europe's migratory birds, and a nesting and breeding ground for others, it is a permanent home for still others. It has wetlands, savannas, shifting sand-dunes and Mediterranean-type

Coto Doñana extends for 405 square miles, including buffer zones. In it there are deer, foxes, mongooses, lynxes, snakes up to 6ft long, wild boar and other animals. Patient watchers may be rewarded with such sights as thousands of flamingos lifting off at one time from a lake, or the silent flight of a solitary imperial eagle through a cloudless sky in search of its prey.

Other, more sombre shadows are being cast over the park, however. So far international pressure from environmentalists has staved off construction of a big tourist complex on a privately-owned stretch of wild Atlantic beach near Matalascañas, which is bounded on three sides by park lands. Building permits have been granted, however, and not so far revoked.

The objection of conserva-

tionists is that the projectionists is that the project would put a burden on water resources, which are already diminishing as a result of wells and irrigation ditches on farmland outside the park borders.

Big as it is, Coto Doñana is not the largest nature reserve in Andalusia. There are four other nature park complexes which are bigger, although none of them has such an exuberance of wildlife or is a rigorously protected.

Three nature parks adjoin each other, stretching along the northern borders of the provinces of Huelva and Seville and into the province of Córdoba, and together they cover an area four times as big as Coto Doñana. They are Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche. Sierra Norte and Sierra de Hornachuelos. They are grouped around the wooded backbone of the Sierra Morena, the haunt of legendary 19th-century Andalusian handits.

Weasels, ferrets, wildcats, eagles, hawks and even the endangered black buzzard live among the twisted oaks, the huge old chestnut trees, the pines and the cork trees. The best, and most expensive, hams in Spain come from range-reared grey Iberian pigs fattened on acorns at the western edge of this area.

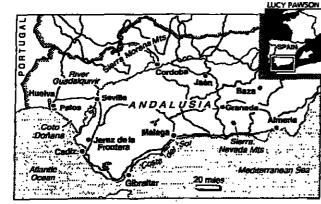
Spain's biggest nature park, Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y las Villas, is a lovely stretch of wilderness that covers 826 square miles of the provinces of Jaén and Granada. It has a smaller park adjoining it, Sierra de Castril. They lie across a watershed that has forested mountains with peaks well over a mile high and, on opposite sides, the sources of the Guadalquivir, which runs west past Seville to the Atlantic, and the Segura, which runs eastward through Mur-

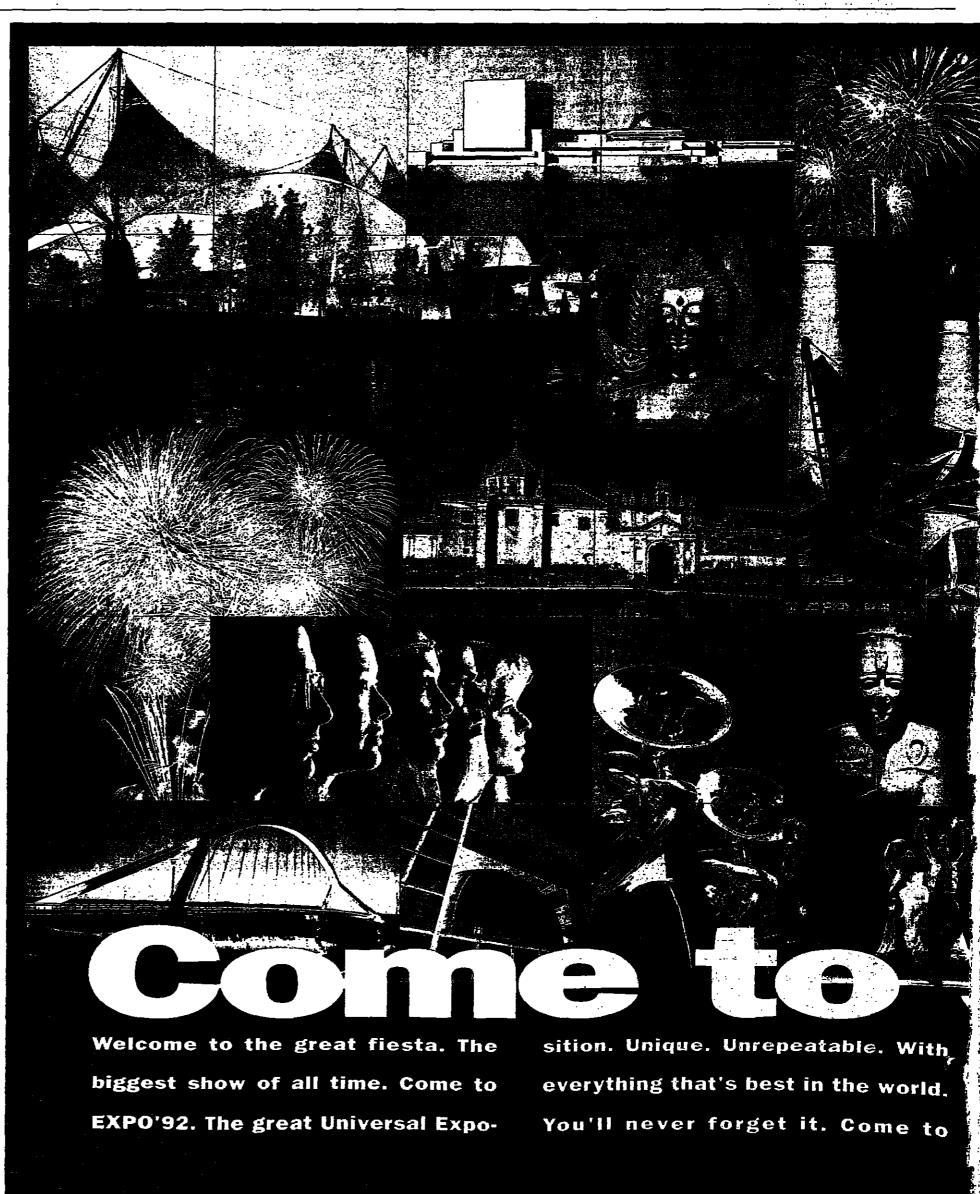
This is a big-game-hunters' paradise. The unique capra hispanica mountain goat, mountain sheep, ibex and wild boar are among the animals sharing the grey crags and dense forests.

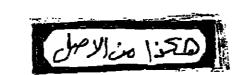
cia to the Mediterranean.

And there are also other parks: the Los Alcornocales and Sierra de Grazalema nature parks at the western end of the Costa del Sol, which include, surprisingly, the rainiest point in Spain; and the Sierra Nevada nature park in the lofty, unhurried Alpujarra mountains near Granada, which has 540 square miles suitable for hiking, trekking on horseback or cycling.

HARRY DEBELIUS







### **FOCUS ANDALUSIA**

### From saintly to secular



Ancient glory in a modern world: King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain will entertain at the monastery

the focal point of Expo '92 will be the Cartuja, or Carthusian monastery, of Santa Maria de las Cuevas. Founded outside Seville in 1400, this monastery has a link with Christopher Columbus because he spent time there in the 1490s while preparing for his third and fourth voyages. After his death in 1509 he was buried for a time in one of its

It also has a British connection, however. In 1835 the Cartuja was expropriatTradition and progress makes the Cartuja a fine showcase

In the past few years the Cartuja has been restored, ed by the Liberal government then in power in Madrid, and the monks were and both its former roles are expelled. Three years later, it clear to see. The church, was leased to Charles Pickman, an industrialist chapels, cloisters and courtyards of the monastery, with their ancient painted tiles. from Liverpool, who turned the monastery into a ceram-15th-century wall paintings ics factory and, in the proand a carved-wood artesointroduced the nado ceiling, may still be admired. High above are a revolution to soaring brick chimney built

by Pickman & Company, and a tine of conical kilns.

This juxtaposition was appreciated by the Spanish organisers of Expo, who saw it as symbolising the combi-nation of the traditional and the progressive. As a result, both monastery and factory have been at least partly preserved, and the Cartuja is to be used by King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia for their official entertaining during Expo.

PETER STRAFFORD

### Simple comforts to ease crowds

ties have created something of a rod for their own backs. In their determination to use Expo '92, the universal exposition in Seville, as a showpiece with which to correct false impressions of Spain - as the country of the siesta and mahana, where nothing gets done — the organisers have unwittingly invited critical eyes, both at home and abroad to find fault.

That the focus of attention has centred so much on "Will it be ready on time or won't it?", almost to the exclusion of achieved, is a shame.

In reality, whether or not it is totally finished by the opening day, Expo is impressive. The first sensation is of the sheer size of it all. No matter which approach to the island of La Cartuja the visitor chooses, on foot, by road, rail, or river, the feeling of entering a small city is unavoidable. Separated from Seville by the river Guadalquivir, Expo '92 is no mere annexe to the old Moorish city, despite being linked to it by seven new bridges. It is the biggest and most expensive universal exposition ever organised. The site houses nearly 100 specially designed pavilions in which a record 112 countries will be vying for the attention of

Frank Smith finds that water adds a cool touch to Expo '92

The pavilions range from the functional to the futuristic and the exotic. Mexico's is a pair of giant X's, Morocco's a recreation of traditional Islamic architecture, Finland's a juxtaposition of two huge abstract forms. Hungary has created a fanciful line of

host country, is The Age of Discoveries. This is developed in pavilions devoted to the 15th century, navigation, nature and the future. A fifth pavilion, dealing with discoveries, burnt down in February. But even without that, the



Awaiting discovery: tranquil corner of the Expo '92 site

wooden church spires atop what looks like an upturned

The principal theme of the exhibition, set by Spain, the To do it full justice in less than a week will be impossible. Distances will be daunting, especially in the heat of the Andalusian summer. Mad dogs and Englishmen may try to do it all on foot, but an integrated transport system of buses, cable cars and monorail train is on hand to ferry less intrepid visitors around

What is surprising, in all the hubbub of construction, with brand-new buildings lined up as if in some beauty competition, is the gentle, almost peaceful, way in which this once deserted site has been landscaped around the

fringes.
Ancient olive-trees have been brought in from the Andalusian fields and replanted along one of the quietest avenues on the site, leading to the monastery of Santa Maria de las Cuevas, which will act as the royal pavilion.

Interspersed with the 300tains, and the avenue colminates in a large round pool, where strong jets shoot up sheets of water that play against the deep blue backcloth of the Andalusian

The use of water is a special feature of the whole exhibition. Many of the avenues have plant-lad-en trellises, de-

signed not only provide much-needed shade, but also incorporating special water-jets which puff thin sprays of water into the atmosphere. They are a bioclimatic experi-

ment designed to bring the temperature down a few degrees. With temperatures likely to rise well into the hundreds in July and August, there will be relief all round if the experiment works. Another cooling feature will be the ubiquitous fountains, a reminder of this region's Arab

Perhaps the most spectacular use of water has been incorporated into the construction of the United Kingdom pavilion, designed by Nicholas Grimshaw & Partners. A beautiful glass and steel box, the size of Westminster Abbey. the pavilion has been dubbed "the cathedral of water". That is because its most prominent feature is a huge wall of water. 70 metres long by 25 high. cascading down the glass

While it is eye-catching from the outside, its real beauty has to be properly appreciated from the inside. From there, it becomes clear that the front of the building is suspended in an enormous pool of water, twice the size of an Olympic swimming pool. The water is pumped to the top of the façade — with most of the energy supplied by solar panels on the roof of the building - and then released by sprays down the glass.

As the pavilion floor is below ground level, the edge of the pool inside the building forms a wall standing about 4ft high. rounded off with a stainless steel lip over which pours a gentie sheet of clear water.

The sense of calm it was intended to convey has been disturbed, however, much to the annoyance of its designer. the sculptor, William Pye, by the injudicious placing of the pavilion bar, which runs the length of about a quarter of the

pool, spoiling the full visual. almost eye-level, effect of the water. A pint of bitter may go down well with the sweaty and weary visitor, but an uninterrupted view of the water might

have proved more refreshing. The real fascination of the pavilions is the sense of identity that each country is trying to sell to the world. A discreet but huge Union flag shimmers through the water over the entrance to the British pavilion, for example. But the Marks & Spencer displays and the Royal Doulton wares in-side are a little dull.

Saudi Arabia has set out its stall as a multi-coloured patchwork bedouin tent. In front of the German pavilion, as hightech as any, there revolves a rustic roundabout of traditional figures with moving limbs. which must qualify as the most kitsch display of the whole site.

I here are also some real surprises. The United States, for example, has put up a couple of geodesic domes, re-cycled and dusted down from a previous fair. It is surely a sign of the times when the Americans are seen deliberate ly to underplay their hand. Perhaps, as the only surviving superpower, they no longer feel the need to promote themselves as in the past.

And it may come as a shock to those who might have expected Japan to sell itself as the most technologically advanced nation of the world to be confronted with what is described as the world's biggest building in wood. It is no shack, however, and it is arguably the most stunning

and powerful building of all. The pavilion is dominated by a majestic wooden staircase, and the Japanese claim is that the visitor who chooses to enter it by climbing the steps (there is the option of ascending by escalator) will be transported from reality into a world of dreams and spirituality.

Inside the pavilion, the Japanese have deliberately accentuated the cultural, as they did last year in the Japan Festival in Britain. There are two large sculptures, symbolising the gious belief. One is dedicated to Buddhism, the other to Shintoism.

The main display is of traditional origani figures and trees, depicting the four seasons of Japan's landscape, followed by a simple display of Japanese writing, on video screens, showing how it developed from Chi-nese script.

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> it is probably safe not to crow too much about it. The ironic feature of the Japanese pavilion is its impermanence. Having taken 11 months to build by way of contrast, the Venezuelan pavilion can be put up in 13 hours flat — this magnificent structure will be destroyed after Expo 92 Pride of place in the exposi-tion is naturally given to the

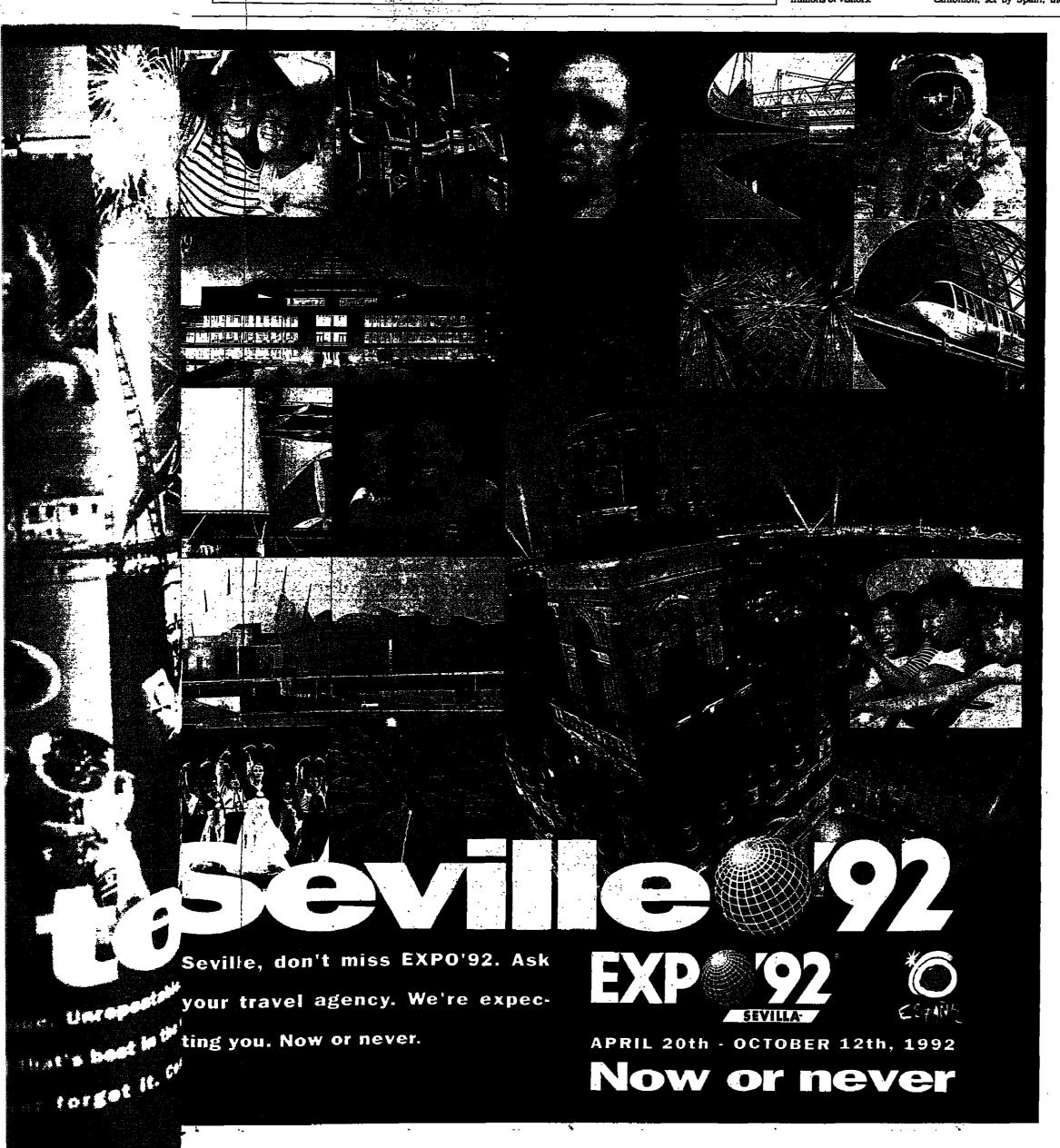
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host country, Spain. Its pavil-ion, an imposing cube of marble, stands on the edge of a big artificial lake, at the head of the avenue of Europe and surrounded by the pavilions of the 17 autonomous regions of Spain. It is a perfect reflection in physical terms of the new political reality of Spain. The display inside the Spanish pavilion is perhaps a little

too ambitious, trying to cram in as it does an exhibition of Spanish art, both classical and modern, as well as a complete run through the country's history, in six galleries. They pass from its Visigothic origins to modern perceptions of Spaniards through the eyes of foreigners.

Architecturally, however, it is imposing. But a word of warning. In the large reception patio, all in white marble, there are four pools of water that are deceptive in their simplicity.

That seems to be the only conclusion to be drawn after a recent visit to Expo by an Israeli delegation accompany ing President Herzog for the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain. In the glare of the midday sun, one of its members simply could not see where the marble ended and the water began, and he fell



### Four-year plan towards prosperity

Frank Smith assesses the region's economic prospects after Expo '92

lenges for Andalusia in the immediate future is how to take advantage of the more than £8 billion of Exporelated investment in the region. Four-fifths of this has been spent on infrastructure: the high-speed train link between Seville and Madrid, a new airport, and hundreds of miles of roads and motorways, concentrated mainly in the western part of the region, providing greater access into and out of Seville, the Andalusian capital.

Perhaps one should not look gift horses in the mouth, but it is also necessary to put this spending into proportion. The money spent on Expo over the past six years, though three times higher than originally forecast, is less spectacular when compared with Andalusia's regional budget, which amounts to £8 billion this year alone. Andalusia has the biggest budget of all Spain's autonomous regions, even including Catalonia, the most prosperous.

In Andalusia, a large part of the money goes on subsidies. Unemployment is currently at nearly 25 per cent according to the official figures, and the regional gross domestic product is only 54.4 per cent of the European average compared with 76.7 per cent for Spain as a whole. So the economy of this region of nearly eight million people, in which agricul-

ture continues to be important, will continue to need help long after most of the Expo site has been dismantled and taken away.

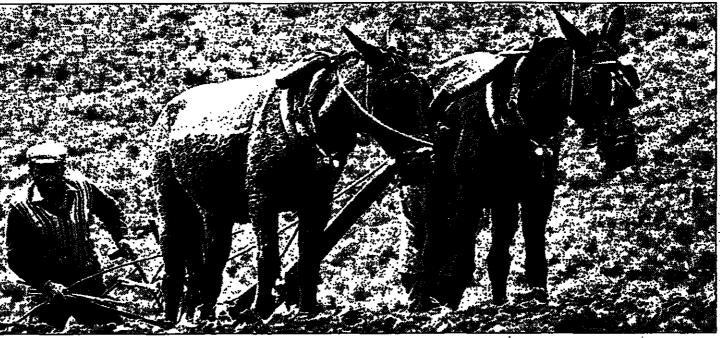
The omens are not good. The region may soon find funds from Madrid beginning to dry up. The Spanish government is determined to meet the European Community's tough conditions for economic and monetary convergence by 1997, and that will inevitably mean less spending on the regions

Jaime Montaner, councillor for economy and finance in the regional government, who is, in effect, Andalusia's minister for economy, trade, industry and tourism all rolled into one, refuses to be downcast, however, at the region's economic prospects post-Expo. The figures show that, after Madrid and Barcelona, we have the biggest share of foreign investment

in Spain", he says.

"This used to be mainly in property, but more and more it is now in industry. And that is because Andalusia is no longer just a good place to live, but also a good ace to work and to invest".

Rafael Camacho, editor of Anda-lucia Económica, believes that this statement needs to be qualified. He agrees that foreign investment in industry has increased, but argues that much of it - such as the Guinness take-over of Cruz Campo,



Rural past: 'We have to find a way to end what has been a dependency culture.' Alfonso Pajuelo, economic planning director, says

flamenco: most of what is put

on in tablaos, or clubs, in

Madrid and other big cities, or

down on the coasts. For the

real thing, the places to go are the Madrid nightspots de-

signed to appeal to the aficio-

nado: Casa Patas and La

Carcelera are among the best.

until summer, when flamenco

festivals take place in towns

right across Andalusia. For the

enthusiast, there is the month-

long festival, the Bienal, held

every two years in Seville,

Flamenco is primarily a matter of individual expression,

and many performers, particu-

larly dancers, have stamped

their own imprint on the art,

The greatest names in baile

Argentinita, Carmen Amaya

and Antonio - whose ballets

had so much impact in London in the 1950s and

1960s, and who is now re-

tired. Among contemporaries,

prestigious names include Mario Maya, Antonio Gades

While respecting the dignity

and passion of flamenco tradi-

tion, these artists have also

been great innovators. Innovation is the key to flamenco's Cante, which was once con-

fined to gypsy blacksmiths and labourers in their Andalusian

ghettos, has moved in many directions. Enrique Morente,

for instance, has put the words

of poets, Spanish and Moor-

ish to flamenco music, and has experimented with orches-

tration. "This music is living music, not museum music,"

he says. "Otherwise, we would be unemployed, stuck in the

herry sales have been falling since 1979 and

have almost reached the level of 1975. In Britain,

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But what is the real thing?

today's flamenco capital.

In the south, it is best to wait

the brewers — is simply a case of local companies being bought out by foreigners.

The regional government, controlled by the Socialists, is pinning much of its hopes on a four-year plan for economic development whose main purpose is to modernise Andalusia's productive

system. Señor Camacho believes. however, that too much emphasis has been placed on attracting investment from the rest of Spain and from abroad.

"It is no good sitting around waiting for foreigners to invest here, as Ford and General Motors have done in Huelva," he says. "The future is in our own hands, and we need the money from our own people".

Alfonso Pajuelo, director of economic planning for the region, ending what has been until now a dependency culture," he says. "If we want to create more jobs, we need to put more emphasis on setting up new and more diversi-

fied local industries". He admits, however, that this change will be neither quick nor easy, and his industrial policy is, at heart, based on a philosophical approach. "To convert the benefits of the investment we have received

into material and personal gains", he says, "we need a change of

Senor Pajuelo's task is to drag the region into the 21st century by creating business-orientated atti-tudes. Andalusia is traditionally an agricultural society, and nearly 60 per cent of its economy is now made up of services, mainly tourism. The regional plan places much of its emphasis on re-training pro-

There is also much talk about the benefits that will ensue from converting Expo into a high-tech research and technological park once the 1992 fiesta is over. Exactly what will be a second to the second technology and technology are technology and technology and technology and technology and technology are technology and technology and technology are technology and technology and technology are technology are technology and technology are technology are technology are technology and technology are technology are technology and technology are technology are technology are technology and technology are technology are technology are technology are technology and technology are tech what will happen there, however, is difficult to discern. Expo was originally conceived as a place for pure research, but the plans have recently been changed, and it is now hoped to open it up to business while creating what is being called a "thematic cultural park".

ccording to the regional government, a total of 24 toreign companies have setting up on the site after Expo '92 closes. Officials admit the idea is still in embryonic form, but hope that it will simulate business ventures in Andalusia and attract foreigners.

There are many, however, who dismiss the project as wishful thinking. "The idea of converting Andalusia into the southern California of Europe is a joke", Rafael Atienza, marquis of Salvanierra, and one of Seville's leading businessmen, says. "We lack discipline and business acumen, and foreigners aren't going to invest here just

because the sun shines". Señor Montaner rejects this view.
"It reminds me of all those people
on the right who said that Spaniards were not ready for democracy after Franco died. We proved them wrong and, in the case of the sian economy, we'll prove them wrong again."

### Fiery symbol of the Spanish soul

lamenco, the combina-tion of dancing, singing and guiter state and guitar-playing which is one of Andalusia's best-known products, began in the region about two centuries ago. It was first heard, as song, in and around Jerez de la Frontera, centre of the sherry country, and at the time it was the exclusive preserve of the gypsies.

Not long after, non-gypsies, called payos in southern Spain, began to sing it, too. and by the end of the 19th century flamenco was being performed in cafés all over

Flamenco has always been

Flamenco survives because it allows growth, instead of sticking to rules

more complex than it might appear, taking many forms and constantly evolving in new directions. A recent fourpage feature on flamenco, for instance, in El País, Spain's premier newspaper, did not once mention dance.

On the other hand it paid full attention to singing, including interviews with Enrique Morente and Carmen Linares, two of the best-known artists of the day, and it referred to the guitar. The fact is that these days

the purists are preoccupied

with flamenco song. The feature also took up another. quite different, direction in which flamenco has moved. It had profiles of two groups, Ketama and Pata Negra, now riding high on the "flamencofusion" wave, which mixes flamenco and various kinds of contemporary music.

Flamenco means different things to different people. For the purist it is song, known as cante or, when especially rough, cante jondo (deep song). For someone brought up on a musical diet of pop, on

the other hand, flamenco is guitars, fast rhythms, clapping, shouting, drums and anything else that sounds agreeably Latin.

A critical discipline, flamencology, exists to unravel flamenco's many strands, and testifies to its musical and cultural richness

The difficulty about dance, or baile, according to the flamencologists, is that authentic styles have been lost as performers have altered them to cater for tourism.

It is easy to say what is bad

cave, the forge, the fields. This is an art for professionals." Carmen Linares, one of the

big" female flamenco voices of the moment, who uses instruments not traditionally associated with flamenco to accompany her, feels the same way. "Flamenco, like all arts, must evolve with the passage of time," she says. .

Paco de Lucia, the guitarist, is the musician who has probably done more than any other in the past 20 years to enrich and enlarge the flamenco repertoire. Now in his forties, and a payo like Morente, he comes from Algeciras, the unprepossessing port next to

He was noticed in the 1960s for his astonishing technical ability, became an international solo star in the 1970s and by the 1980s was taking his flamenco wizardry into experimental waters with jazz guitarists such as John McLaughlin and Al di Meola. His latest recording "Concierto de Rodrigo's Aranjuez", a flamenco incur-

sion into classical terrain. Musically, one of the most exciting aspects of flamenco is that it can be treated as open form, not unlike jazz, where improvisation and idiosyncrasy play a much larger part than rules. Paco de Lucia seems to invent something every time he picks up a guitar. He is one of the few flamenco

artists who can. All performers, whether guitarists, singers or dancers, must watch how far they stray from "the real thing". The most talented maintain that special Andalusian, bittersweet flavour, while continuing to develop the art-form.

● James Woodall's book on Spa Sinclair-Stevenson on May 11.



Question of style: flamenco is much more than a dance

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### The same

'British Sherry', which is neither British nor sherry, is depressing sales

traditionally the biggest market, sales have plunged to less than half the figure for 1979. What has gone wrong? The grapes are the same as ever. grown in the same chalky white albariza soil around the ancient city of Jerez. The wine is the result of the same natural processes. Quality control is better than ever. Why European Community in have the British dropped be-

sippers' league? For Juan Luis Breton, the manager of the Sherry Growers' and Shippers' Association (Aces) in Jerez, there is no question about who or what is to blame. The culprit is "British Sherry'. This, he says, is not sherry, since it does not come from the sherry district, a clearly defined triangle of land in the province of Cadiz Yet. because it pays a lower rate of excise duty in Britain, it under-

sells the product from Jerez. The market share of sherry compared with British Sherry has changed from the traditional 60/40 to almost the opposite, with sherry showing a progressive negative tendency," Señor Bretón says.

He concedes that, at least for the time being, there is nothing that the Spaniards can do to prevent the use of the name "sherry". however wrong they believe it to be. A High Court

only by name decision in Britain has con-firmed that "sherry" is a spelling of Jerez. But the Act of Not only does it not come Adhesion, by which Spain became a member of the from the Jerez area, therefore, but it is not the result of the traditional natural vinification

negotiated. The Span-They can do ish argue. however, that excise duties in nothing to prevent the minate illegaluse of the ly in favour of British Sherry. and they have

prepared a case against
Britain, to be presented to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg this month. British Sherry is a product manufactured in Britain by adding water and sugar to imported concentrated grape juice and fermenting it. Senor Breton points out that the

and colouring are added. as

term "British Sherry" at least

until the end of 1995, when it

is due to be re-

grape juice does not have to come from any particular country or region. Flavouring

process of sherry. Nor is it British in terms of the origin of The case being brought against Brit-ain is based on the levels of ex-cise duties ap-

plying in this

country to al-coholic bever-

ages. Since July, 1985.

name sherry

more than 15 per cent alcohol by volume, and less than 18 per cent, have had to pay 74 per cent more than wines of between 10 and 15 per cent. At 18 per cent, there is another step up the

This hits the various sherries produced in the Jerez region hard. Pale dry sherry, in its two varieties, fino and manza nilla, has to have an alcoholic content of at least, 15.5 per cent to assure its stability.

sherry naturally has at least 16 per cent. Oloriso, or dark, sherry has at least 18 per cent. British Sherry, on the other liand, changed its alcoholic

content from 16 per cent to 15 per cent or less when the new excise duty levels introduced. The Spaniards think it is

significant that the change in significant that the change in excise duties was not raised during the entry negotiations between mid-1984 and mid-1985, and was brought in one month after the act was signed. They maintain that if British Sherry was in the same excise category as sherry at the excise category as sherry at the time Spain's membership was negotiated, the two products should still be in a common

tax category.

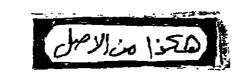
They also argue that what is currently sold as British Sherry is a different product from the one dealt with in the Act of Adhesion because of the change in its alcoholic content,

and is not covered by it.

The sherry region has had other troubles, including a 59-day strike last September and October, which was the longest ever to hit the sherry bodegas and led to the loss of much of the year's grape crop.

In Señor Bretón's opinion, however, those difficulties are "insignificant" by comparison with British Sherry's domination of the British market.

tion of the British market HARRY DEBELIUS



Decision anticipates further change

### S Africa awarded 1995 World Cup by unanimous vote

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) ended speculation about the venue of the 1995 Rugby World Cup yesterday — two days in advance of the anticipated announcement - by awarding the tournament to South Africa. It is a decision that the rugby world at large expected, but which will still create unease given the political and social development yet to be achieved in the republic.

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The decision came at the annual council meeting of the board in Wellington. New Zealand, which ends tomorrow. "Following full discussion by the board policy committee and the council it was unanimously agreed that the 1995 tournament would take place in South Africa." a prepared statement by Keith Rowlands, the IRFB secre-

Given the Welsh Rugby Union's decision to oppose South Africa's candidature on grounds of "continued political uncertainty, such unanimity comes as a sur-prise. However, Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, said: We are mindful of the political uncertainties still existing in South Africa, but we hope they will be resolved by 1995. In concluding South Africa would be the best venue, we took into account that New Zealand hosted a large part of the inaugural World Cup in

Publication of the decision was advanced presumably to avoid the possibility of a leak in a country which had also bid for the tournament and where speculation was intense. Technically four countries had bid for the third World Cup — New Zealand, co-hosts with Australia in 1987 - South Africa, Canada and Argentina — but the Argentinians were always prepared to concede South African claims and Canada. despite its playing success in

ALTHOUGH the Rugby

Football Union (RFU) is ex-

pecting a crowd of more than

50,000 at Saturday's ADT county championship final between Cornwall, the hold-

ers, and Lancashire, the over-

supporting the Cornish.

whelming majority will be

They have surpassed last

season's effort by selling more

than 30,000 tickets, whereas

Lancashire, who have teams in both Saturday's finals, at

senior and under-21 levels,

have sold only a few hundred.

Of their initial allocation

from the RFU of 4,000, more

than three-quarters have

been forwarded to Cornwall.

for a county which has upheld

the traditional place of the

county championship in the

English domestic structure.

Lancashire officials suggest

the clash with the Easter holi-

day weekend has taken away

supporters, while others, who

might be considering a trip to

London, would prefer to sup-

port Orrell's attempt on the

Easter Monday.

eague title at Harlequins on

It is a disappointing return

**Cornwall sustain** 

greater support

1991, lacked the tradition that has governed so many

World Cup decisions.
The desire to put the tournament into South Africa, where the infrastructure to host such an event is without parallel, has been evident since political changes were introduced by F. W. de Klerk's government over the last three years; the counterbalance has been the continuing violence in the black townships and the uncertain-ty over the formulation of a fully representative

However last month's referendum supporting the pace of political change, allied to the formal launch of the unified governing body, the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu), has consumed the doubter are vinced the doubters, who must believe that in the next three years the degree of racial harmony in the republic

The decision has been made easier by the support apparent from the African National Congress (ANC). whose representative, Arnold Stofile, said: "The timing is crucial. If it had been this year it would have been too soon, blacks would have had no commitment to the game and unity would not be in



"Our support will be no-

where near Cornwall's," Bill

Beckett, the Lancashire assis-

tant treasurer, said. "Some of

our supporters may have

spent their money following Liverpool or Manchester Uni-

ted, whereas in Cornwall they

do not have such alternative attractions." None the less,

Yorkshire brought several thousands to Twickenham

Lancashire, unable to select

players who appeared in the divisional championship last October, hard hit by the un-

availability of Orrell's first XV

squad because of their club

commitment and not wishing

to disturb their successful

under-21 side, have included

five newcomers in their XV

LANCASHIRE: M. Jackson (Fylde); A. Parkar (Fylde); I. Wynn (Orrell), B. Wellens (Orrell), G. Merradin (Waterkoo); P. Grayanon (Preston Grasshoppens), S. Swirthrick (Visio of Lune); J. Russes, Yates (both Broughton Park); M. Rydekaigh (Fylde), N. Wildmoon, N. Altott (both Waterloo), M. Kenrick (Sale, captain), A. Ireland (Fylde), S. Bibby (Orrell).

Replacements: A Higgin (Vale of Lune), P Stansfield (Sale), C Mathon (Waterloo), A Hetme (Vale of Lune), D Sandford (Orrell), P Ashcroft (Waterloo).

for last year's final.

for Twickenham.



position to apartheid earned him a jail sentence which ended only two years ago. said: "For me as a sports person who has campaigned for many years for the integration of all sports, this is the

culmination of all our

efforts."
No detail of the timing of the tournament nor the qualifying procedure has yet ment in the southern hemi-sphere was held in May and

The IRFB has at last managed to put the event into one country, which will ease considerably the logistics of the operation and will encourage existing sponsors - among them Heinz, whose chief executive, Tony O'Reilly, has expressed enthusiasm for South Africa as a venue, and Autoglass SA - to renegotiate for 1995.

By then, too, Sarfu should have put a development pro-gramme in place in the black townships. In that respect, it would seem appropriate that the massive football stadium, completed in 1990 in Soweto and capable of holding 120.000, should be considered for use by Rugby World Cup, even ahead of the exist-ing rugby stadiums in Johan-nesburg, Pretoria, Durban, Town Cape Bloemfontein.

Danie Craven, president of the old South African Rugby Board for over thirty years, said: "After being deprived for so long of international competition, the only fair way to compensate South Africa for the long, lean years of isolation is to give us the

World Cup."
After eight years' official absence, his country returns to international competition in Romania and Italy in June, hosts New Zealand and Australia in August and tours France and England in October and November.

### **Old will** rejoin old club

ALAN Old, the former England and British Isles standoff half, is to rejoin his former club, Middlesbrough, as first XV coach (David Hands writes). Old, who was the Rugby Football Union's first technical director for the Northern Division before returning to teaching, will help to develop a new strategy for the club, which is occupying a midway place in North Division One.

The appointment of Old, coach to Northumberland, is part of an overall package that will bring a paid playing administrator to Acklam Park, in the hope of achieving promotion to the national divisions of the Courage Clubs

Championship. The Northern Division hopes to play against the touring South Africans under the Elland Road floodlights next season. Negotiations with Leeds United are in train for the match,

SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR ITINERARY. November: 4 v Miclands (Leicester, 2.30); 7 v England B (Bristol); 10 v North (venue to be confirmed, 7.0); 14 v England.

Medal eight on trial THE TIMES/MINET

Supreme example: Gary Herbert, the cox, is watched by his national eight as

he and Di Ellis, an Amateur Rowing Association official, accept the award

SUPREME ANARD

PRITISH CLIMFIC ROWING EIGHT FIVE THOUSAND POUNTS ONLY



was a gold medal winner in Los Angeles in the same boat as Steven Redgrave. Britain's group is at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, this week as places in the Olympic

team are decided. Trials in pairs, followed by experi-ments in larger boats, will clarify the selectors' thoughts. The procedure for the scull-

ers involves trials in both sinbeing the most likely in the absence of an obvious leading performer.

The system now followed by Mark Lees, the international performance director, and his team of coaches allows for little prejudging of selection. Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the coxless pair world champions, seem se-

cure but below them, in the words of Lees: "The top ath-letes go into the top boats." The members of the 1991 eight compete with those rowers in the coxless and coxed

tion and honour to British sport and are likely medal contenders.

crew, stroked by Redgrave's

former pairs partner. Simon Berrisford, missed a medal in

The aim of the week is to

identify the leading six or

seven pairs and to place them

into an eight and a four,

although Lees is unwilling to

say, at this stage, which will

He is also reluctant to say

whether the four will be coxed

or coxless, although he does

admit that the former "is the

targeted boat". With the depth of talent available, he is

also hinting at a possible

Performances at the

Cologne and Essen regattas, both of British and rival

crews, will presumably clarify

the situation before the pre-

Olympic regatta at Lucerne.

Awards are part of a £2 mil-

lion sponsorship package from Minet — the London-based firm of international

insurance brokers - to help

fund Britain's preparations

for the Olympic Games this

The awards, which are ad-

ministered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made

to sportsmen and women

whose outstanding perfor-

mances have brought distinc-

Vienna by 0.2sec.

be given priority.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

### Liverpool show way for the north

REEBOK Liverpool City be-came the first northern team to take one of the leading English trophies when they were unexpected winners of the men's Supercup - effectively the national league playoffs — at Reading University (Roddy MacKenzie writes).

By MIKE ROSEWELL

BRITAIN'S men's eight

brought the world champion-

ships to a stirring conclusion in Vienna last year, when Tim

Foster stroked his crew to

renewed efforts in the last

500 metres to snatch the

bronze medal from Romania

by 0.3sec. The subsequent

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Award, given to the group to

assist its build-up to the

Olympic Games in Barcelona

this summer, has not been

The crew has remained in

full training and was scat-tered among the Molesey, Le-ander and London University

boats that filled the first three

places in the Tideway Head

The only absence was An-

ton Obholzer, who trans-

sculling during the winter months and was seen in the

Scullers' Head last Saturday.

Britain's coxed pair in Vienna

last year, distinguished him-self in the winning Oxford

Boat Race crew and is a

strong contender for a place

in the eight.

Martin Cross, a teacher,

was at bow in the Vienna

eight and the inaugural win-

ner of the Minet Rower of the

Year Trophy last December.

He is trying for his fourth

Olympic vest this year and

Peter Bridge, who was in

Liverpool took revenge on Polonia Ealing for their defeat in last season's Royal Bank of Scotland English Cup final when they defeated the London side in five sets, 15-9, 15-7, 7-15, 8-15, 15-

10, to clinch the title. Team Mizuno Malory, the league and cup winners and victors in the Supercup for the previous five years, could finish only third. Malory beat Hilton Leeds in the thirdfourth place play-off 13-15, 17-15, 15-12, 15-3.

Woolwich Brixton edged

en's event. Brixton held on to win 9-15, 15-7, 13-15, 15-8, 17-16. The third-fourth playoff also went to five sets, Ashcombe Dorking beating

15-12, 13-15, 16-14. Scotland's senior men finished second in the Four Nations Cup in Luxembourg after beating the host nation on Sunday 15-7, 15-9, 15-4.

Dynamo London 6-15, 15-8,

### Vicious circle created by square screen

By Peter Barnard

HUGH ROLTLEDGE

ALTHOUGH I am not famously skilled at making patterns with motorised lawn mowers, I did take some satisfaction from glancing out of the window during the Rumbelows Cup final to affirm that at least my patch was looking better than Wembley Stadium's. No doubt the head groundsman had done his best, but the remnant markings of American football on the Wembley turf gave off the feeling that we were, at least subliminally, watching a dif-

ferent contest altogether. This may explain Nottingham Forest's use of what is known as the hur-ry-up offense across the Atlantic. So anxious were Forest to get on with free kicks and throw-ins, and not just after they went a goal behind, one felt that at any moment they might bring on a couple of wide receivers and convert their excellent young goalkeep-

er into a quarterback The match was not all that it was billed to be. My heart always sinks when Elton Welsby appears on screen to tell me that game has the potential to be one of the greatest at Wembley for some years.

Experience tells us that a good team playing another good team does not often add up to a great game, but Sunday's en-counter was undoubtedly absorbing and mostly free rack Wembley finals.

This encounter marked 30 years of the League Cup, described by its creator. Alan Hardaker, as "the people's final". The description fits because the supporters get most of the tickets, unlike the disgraceful situation that still prevails at the FA Cup final where most of the seats seem to be occupied by FA time servers and far-flung

committee men. Any anniversary is a good excuse for a tele-vision programme so on Saturday night ITV ran an interesting programme on the competition's history. a reminder that the early days were marked by giant-killing acts such as Swindon's overpowering

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of Arsenal in a final dominated by the remarkable

Don Rogers. There was also a nice link between that preview and the hour-long prematch programme on Saturday, which showed early schoolboy footage of a contemporary winger with even more potential: Ryan Giggs, of Manchester Uni-ted. But there is still a feeling that the League Cup. for all that it can now mean a place in Europe for the winners, is one competition too many.

Interestingly, we learned that Giggs's somewhat disappointing performance in an England schools international was the product of him having played more than 70 matches in that season, proof that the fixture list is ludicrously crowded at ev-

In the professional ame, the excuse is money. But the chase for money, contributed to in no small measure by television's seductive deals, is part of the vicious circle which no one appears able to break. The upshot of this intertia is the jaded look that both Forest and United carried

at times on Sunday. Jaded looks are harder to spot in golf. Certainly Fred Couples played the last round of the Masters as if out for a Sunday afternoon stroll and apart from veteran Ray Floyd's charge there never looked like being a serious threat to Couples's lead.

That gave me the chance to enjoy the folksy com-mentary of Peter Alliss and his CBS colleagues, who are dab hands at down-home phraseology. One said of Floyd: "He may be an old dog but he can still hunt," although not with the consistency young Couples demonstrated. The other pleasure of Augusta is that the course always looks an absolute picture. You could not have mistaken it for

### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

### **Decline of Hull costs** their coach his job

By KEITH MACKLIN

HULL, who have slumped from Challenge Cup semifinalists and premiership holders to a place in the relegation zone, yesterday dis-missed Noel Cleal, their Australian coach.

Cleal took over from his compatriot, Brian Smith, last season and steered Hull to a premiership victory over Widnes. They were beaten narrowly by Castleford in this season's cup semi-final. However, a sequence of defeats has seen them tumble out of the top eight.

Steve Watson, the club chairman, said: "We were expecting to figure in the playoffs. Now we will do well to stay out of the second division." The assistant coach, Steve Crooks, will be in charge until an appointment

Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain captain and the vice-

captain, Garry Schofield. both Leeds players, yesterday gave their full support to an initiative designed to lure young people away from drugs and into sport.

The campaign, the brain-child of Damian McGrath, the Leeds rugby league development officer, is also supported by the local authority. A leaflet, "Choosing alternatives to drugs — why not try this for kicks?" will be distrib-uted to schools and youth clubs. Hanley, Schofield and other Leeds players attended yesterday's launch of the campaign at Headingley where leaflets will be distributed before Friady's match against Halifax.

"There should be no place in rugby league or any other sport for anyone found taking performance-enhancing drugs," Scofield said. "They should be drummed out."



### Leicester strike threat withdrawn

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE players of Leicester City Riders have now promised to see out the season after threatening not to go ahead with their Carlsberg League play-off match against Worthing Bears last week.

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The crowd at Granby Halls could have been left without a game had not Kevin Routledge, the Leicester chairman, who is also chairman of the Basketball League, convinced the players in the dressing-room before Friday's game that they would receive the money they are owed.

"We wouldn't have played the game unless he had satisfied us that the money is coming," Jerry Jenkins, the

team captain said. Kevin's been hit by the recession. A lot of people owe him money and he's in a bad situation. But he's trying and we've got faith in him. He's a good director, who has never lot of intensity." Jenkins said.

backed down." As a part-time player, the 6ft 9in Jenkins,

aged 38, is not the worst hit. "I've been getting a little every week." he said. "but now that the season is nearly over, it has become a question of how are we going to survive and how are we going to get

the rest of the money. In any event, Leicester's season is likely to end on Saturday at Worthing, whose 102-90 victory in the first leg makes them strong favourites to earn a Wembley place next month, especially if an ankle injury he received in the first minute on Friday, means Jenkins will be unable to play any

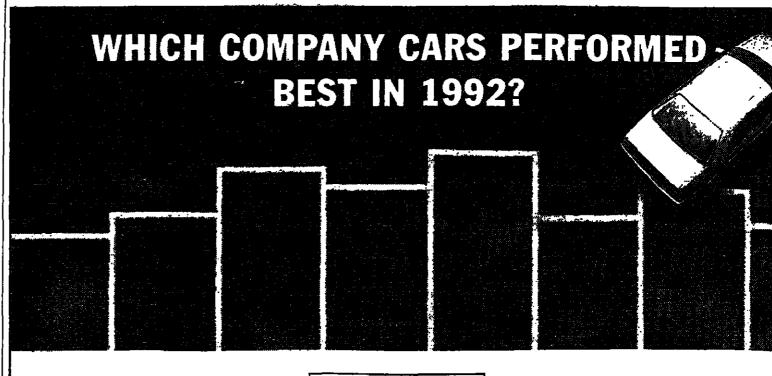
He buckled in a fall under the full, considerable weight of Dale Shackleford, the Worthing player-coach, who went on to collect 25 points. Brown

hit 28 for Leicester. "At least we played with a "Players had been going through the motions because of this money thing but the only pity this time was that we didn't get the breaks."

Both Kingston and Thames Valley Tigers should secure their Wembley places in tonight's second legs. Kingston will be looking to Russ Saunders to add to his season's-best individual score of 48 points, including six three-pointers, that gave the champions victory by 103-18 against his old club, rmingham Bullets.

Although Tigers were beaten by 16 points in the league on their home court by Hemel Hempstead Royals 2 month ago, tonight's game is more likely to follow the pattern of Saturday's first leg, which they won 97-64.

SECOND LEGS (B.Dom): Tonight: Kingston v Berningham, Thames Valley v Hemel Hempstead. Saturday: Worthing v



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### Conner refuses to abdicate without a fight

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

DENNIS Conner is through to the final of the America's Cup defender selection trials - which is good news for the event and just about everyone in San Diego, including Bill

Conner's Stars & Stripes
won her sail-off match had been tied at the end of the against Kanza to qualify for the final against America, which, like Kanza, is owned by Koch's syndicate. Koch had wanted to shut Conner out of the final so that he could continue to experiment with keel changes and other modifications to his yachts. But even he conceded that having Conner continue in the competition would strengthen the defence.

"I have always said, never count Dennis out," Koch said. "What will strengthen the defence is to have the two fastest boats and the two most competitive teams out there, and this race has shown that

PATIS TO THE FRAIL COLOR

Smith's absence

raises doubts

By BARRY PICKTHALL

LAWRIE Smith's refusal to match-race skippers. "We

have a meeting on Thursday

to consider all the options and

the windsurfers, and Stuart

Childerley's improving show-

ing within the Finn class are a

vindication of the elite squad training system developed for

the Olympics.

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BRITISH OLYMPIC TEAM SELECTIONS: Soling three-man keel boat L Smith, R Crabshank, O Slewert, Women's Europe single-hander: S Robertson, Women's Olympic Windsunfing: P Way, LEADING STANDINGS IN OTHER OLYMPIC CLASSES: Rlying Dutchman chapy: 1. W Henderson and A Harrop, 148,7pts, 2, A Slead and P Alam, 163: 3, R Tushingham and N Powel, 166 470 dingy, Men: 1, P Brotherion and A Hermings, 104, 2, I Pannell and J Simpson, 196. 3, J Robinson and H Calder, 296 Women: 1, D Janus and S Carr, 152,7: 2, S Rees-Jones and R Tribe, 191.7. Rhin single-hander: 1, S Chiderley, 102.4: 2, J Fanslore, 173,7; 3, R Lott, 208 Tomedo catamaran: 1, D Williams and I Rhodes, 159.7, 2, T Robinson and B Garal, 193. 3, W Sunnucks and R Guttendoe, 198.4 Star keel boat: 1, M Hots and D Murge; 2, A Cooper and D Henlage, 3, D Howlett and P Lawrence Men's Olympic windsurfling: 1, B Edgington, 2, J Hutchcroft, 3, M Warnus

join the match-racing finals at the Soling world champ-ionship in Cádiz two weeks ago, and at the French pre-

Olympic regatta at Hyères last weekend, has raised con-

cern that he and his crew will

Match-racing will decide

the medal rankings in the

Soling keel boat class at the

Olympics for the first time,

with the leading six crews

from the five-race fleet racing

round going through to these

Smith's potential in fleet rac-

ing and, but for the muddled

thinking of the Spanish jury.

he and his crew would now be

They would also have won

the French pre-Olympic re-

gatta had Smith not elected

to sail Glyn Charles, his clos-

est rival for the Olympic

berth, down the fleet and out

of contention in the last race.

chequered performance of

Chris Law at Hyères, gave

Smith and his crew of Rob

Cruikshank and Ossie Stew-

art their tickets to Barcelona

without the need for a decid-

match-racer and Charles won

the match-race finals at the

Spanish pre-Olympic regatta

two years ago. Both would have given Smith, who has not competed at a serious

level since the 1987 Ameri-

Explaining his decision at

Hyeres, Smith said he did not

want to give his medal oppo-

nents any inkling of his own

defence and attacking ma-

noeuvres. Conversely, by

avoiding these early clashes,

he learns nothing about

Rod Carr, the Britain

coach, confirmed yesterday

that plans are being made to

sharpen Smith's team's skills

against leading professional

Law is a fast-improving

ing match-race final.

ca's Cup, a close run.

theirs, either.

That ractic, and the

There is no doubting

knockout finals.

world champions.

not be prepared for the Olym-

pic Games this summer.

Dennis has one of those fast boats for the San Diego conditions. I don't particularly like it, but we've got it, so having two really fast boats for these really weird conditions is good for the cup."

semi-final series. Stars & Stripes's win, by 2min 12sec, gave Conner his chance to become America's Cup defender for the fifth time, even though his effort is short of funds and he has only one boat - and that is a year old.

"We got in control and worked them over to the left-Conner has since 1974 represented the United States in hand side of the course,"
Conner said. "With the wind
going left, there wasn't much
runway left. We felt this was a
day when there was more every America's Cup match. with the exception of 1977, when he was committed to winning the Star class world championship. He has won wind on the right-hand side 17 America's Cup races and but the wind would go to the lost five, and he was in the left. It was one of those days winning US teams in 1974. 1980, 1987 and 1988, as well where you have to guard the left but stay to the right of the competition while you were as in the defeat by Australia II

doing that." Seeing Conner's need for new sails to continue competitively, his tactician, fom Whidden, who is president of North Sails Group, said on the run to the finish: "Dennis, this is going to cost you big dollars." When Koch heard of this, he said: "I wish I had Dennis's luck and my

in 1983. Koch said: "I am

extremely disappointed at

what happened today. We

were hoping to dethrone the king today; he is still the king and deserves to be."

Stars & Stripes took a long

early lead, by 4min 9sec at the first mark, on the first windward beat, with the wind

only five knots and the swells

slight at 2ft. Although Kanza.

designed for stronger breezes, gained as the wind freshened

slightly, to a maximum 11 knots, Stars & Stripes stayed

in front

Koch said: "The wind today was right in his window, five to seven, eight, nine knots; it peaked a little at 11 knots. Kanza gets going at around ten knots. Dennis sailed a beautiful race."

RESULT: Defender trials: Semi-final sell-off: Stars & Strapes (D Conner) bt Kanza (W Koch), 2mm 12sec



FROM MALCOLM MCKEAG IN HONG KONG

we have the resources to bring BRITONS dominate the entry list for the second leg of in top foreign competition if the Champagne Mumm World Cup, sailed here as the One option is to call up Corum China Sea series. Un-Eddie Warden-Owen, Brit-ain's top-ranked match-racer. fortunately, none of them is Smith may also compete in sailing for Britain.

the Royal Lymington Cup Most of the British are sailing for their temporary domimatch-race championship. cile. Hong Kong, and the rest In other classes, the promhave been recruited aboard ising results from Paul Brothyachts carrying the flags of the nine other nations repre-sented here, including Thaierton and Andrew Hemmings among the 470s. Shirley Robertson's early selection as land, the Philippines, Britain's Europe representa-tive, Barry Edgington's con-Ireland, Australia and even tinued front running among

This year the World Cup is being sailed exclusively in the increasingly important Pacific hemisphere, and when Britain failed to send a team to Australia at the beginning of the year to defend the Southern Cross Cup, won in 1989, the British in Hong Kong saw little encouragement to race for their nation.

"I live and work in Hong Kong, I sail for Hong Kong, Henry Kaye said typically. His X-119, Lethal Weapon, is one of the favourites to win the 650-mile China Sea race and he and his crew hold British passports. Dr lan Nicholson, whose Banner 41, Intrigue, is the present points leader in the series, would sail for Scotland were it permitted, but sees no kudos in sailing for Britain. He, like his fellow residents, now looks

East for a new perspective. Hence the arrival of the Russians, whose crew was brought in with local sponsorship support to promote de-veloping trade links. In Hong Kong sailing, as in the rest of Hong Kong, the old order changeth.

PESULTS (after two races): Overell: 1, Intigue (an Nicholson, Banner 41, HK); 2, Sky Song (Nell Pryde, JS, HK); 3, Buzzard (Bill Gasson, Humphreys 43, That; 4, Rama Rama (Klaus Lieneu, JS, Brunel); 5, Tana (Don Walders, Far 36, Aus); 6, Island Fing Paul Windelman, Dubos 34, Ire). Country poetions: 1, Hong Kong; 2, Australia. 3, Indiand.

Smith: ill prepared



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### Surrey still supreme

SURREY completed the double for the second successive season by winning the Evian inter-county tournament at Aneriey, south London, last weekend. The previous week they had secured the English Counties League title (Louise

Taylor writes). Sheila Edwards, the former England captain, has led the team throughout this successful period. At Anerley, Surrey beat Middlesex 13-11 with

Essex Metropolitan, the English Counties League runners-up, in third place.

In the under-21 section. Hertfordshire defeated Bedfordshire 14-11, with the beaten finalists being compensated by the award of the special trophy for the best defence at under-21 level. At senior standard, the premier defence award went to Middiesex, who are captained by Jesslyn Parkes.



Mystiko. last season's 2,000 Guineas winner, runs in the Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket today

### A-To-Z clouds classic picture during the day by another

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Guineas picture, already clouded in uncertainty, became engulfed by an inpenetrable peasouper at wintry Newmarket yesterday when A-To-Z won an inconclusive Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes. With only three lengths

covering the first seven home and the race being run three seconds below the standard time, Michael Bell's game filly will almost certainly need to improve considerably if she is to win the 1,000 Guineas on April 30.

A-to-Z, fourth to Marling in the Queen Mary Stakes last June, has benefited from a hobday operation in November to improve her breathing. After working recently with Red Slippers, she carried plenty of stable confidence. Backed from 16-1 to 8-1,

she found the extra gear her jockey, Michael Hills, always believed she possessed to out-pace Perfect Circle in the final

separated the first two home with an unlucky-in-running Soiree a further neck away. Harvest Girl, consistent but hardly top class last year, was just behind in fourth, which would tend to confirm the Group 3 contest was below

Midnigat Air, the 9-4 favourite, was a bitter disap-pointment, beating only one home, having looked the pick of the paddock. Despite holding a prominent position two furlongs out, the Green Dancer filly was readily out-paced inside the distance. "She has not quite come to herself and probably needs further. Time will tell," Henry

With uncertainties about the value of the form, bookmakers were left with no option but to shorten the price of Musicale for the 1,000 Guineas. Henry Cecil's runner, who overcame adverse conditions to win the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury last week, is a best-priced 7-2 for the fillies'

classic with Victor Chandler, who then goes 6-1 Hatoof, 7-1 Marling, 10-1 Kenbu, 12-1 A-to-Z, 14-1 Perfect Circle and Soiree. If Marling stays, and her trainer, Geoff Wragg, is confident she will.

she looks the each-way value.
Bell, enjoying his first turf
winner of the campaign, said:
"We have always liked A-to-Z a lot. I am indebted to my vet, James Crowhurst, for finding her wind problem last year and carrying out a hobday operation which has worked wonders. She had a slight paralysis of the larynx which was restricting her oxygen

"We were always hopeful she was a good filly and the wind operation has definitely improved her a stone."

Doubts about the class of the race were reinforced 90 minutes later when Beware Of Agents, partnered by Bob-by Elliott, won the Chris Blackwell Memorial Handicap in a time half-a-second faster than that of A-To-Z. Elliott, aged 51, was joined in the winner's enclosure

veteran, Lester Piggott, aged 56, who rode an exquisite race on Fylde Flyer in the Abernant Stakes, Jack Berry intends running the winner in the Cork And Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascor. On a day of surprises which

shattered punters' chances of winning the £195,000 Tote jackpot, Pat Eddery found himself before the stewards following the defeat of Alhamad in the opening Con-stant Security Maiden Stakes. The odds-on favourite led

six furlangs from home, but was caught in the final 30 yards by lywaan. The stewards asked Eddery

to explain why he appeared not to ride out Alhamad on the run to the line. They accepted the jockey's explana-tion that the colt was hanging badly for the final half mile of the race. Eddery had attempted to keep Alhamad straight by pulling his whip through into his left hand and "continued to ride out the colt to the line".

### £300,000 jackpot on offer

By RICHARD EVANS

THE Tote jackpot will be worth an estimated E300,000 at Newmarket today, as puniers try to find six winners from 78 runners. A series of surprise results

yesterday meant the pool was not won, and £195,497 is carried over to the second day of the Craven meeting. One fearless punter invest-ed £1900 in a 9,000-line perm in an attempt to collect

the jackpot, but lost out when Myfontaine won the fifth harder today, the final race in the jackpot features 11 maiden fillies, nine of whom have

never raced before.

□ Peter Niven, Mary Reveley's stable jockey. moved within two of reaching a century of winners for the first time after landing a double at Sedgefield yesterday on Perjury and Grace Card.

### Englishman threatens Arazi fairy tale rule, A. P. Indy recorded a and his abilities. "He's a

CAN an archetypal English-man living halfway round the world mastermind the downfall of the great Arazi with a horse by the unlikely name of A. P. Indy?

Neil Drysdale would be iast person to say so - publiely. Despite spending 20plus years in the Americas. the trainer now based in Pasadena, California, still retains the reserve and natural caution instilled during

his upbringing in Sussex and education at Stowe. However, American horsemen will be looking mainly to A. P. Indy to burst the Arazi bubble in the Kentucky Derby on May 2.
Such an upset would represent the latest twist to

racing's increasingly international kaleidoscope. A. P. Indy, the highest priced yearling of 1990, was bought by Tomonori Tsurumaki, a Japanese businessman, for \$2.9 million. Handled by

Richard Evans on the English trainer providing the leading American challenge to Arazi

Seattle Slew colt is likely to be second favourite to the wonder horse" trained by a Frenchman and owned jointly by an American and a Dubai shaikh. Tsurumaki loves fast cars

as well as fast horses and his expensive equine purchasetakes his name from AutoPolis, a 70,000-seat motor racetrack, and the Indy 500. Despite the name, A. P.

Indy's horsepower has always been evident. Although beaten on his debut, he was subsequently found to be in discomfort due to a testicle which had failed to drop. An operation was carried out

son, and the effect has been as dramatic. He has won his five subsequent starts. Earlier this month Eddie

Delahoussaye guided A. P. Indy to his most impressive success when winning the Santa Anita Derby by a length and three-quarters from Bertrando, the horse who chased Arazi home in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile last November.

Purists will point quickly to the five-length official margin (it was nearer six-and-a-half and could have been ten) enjoyed by Arazi. But Drysdale said: "He's a lazy sort of horse who is never going to win a race by more than two lengths. I was surprised to see him win his last race by so far.

"In the Futurity he won by a head, but you could see he had the measure of the other horses and Delahoussaye did not have to hit him that

time on his first start of 1992 almost identical to Arazi's breathtaking performance at Churchill Downs.

Drysdale, who learned the thoroughbred business from Lucien Laurin, the trainer of Secretariat, and Charlie Whittingham, is precise in his description of the horse

Drysdale:

strong colt who is developing well and improving after each race. We appear to being going into the Ken-tucky Derby in very good order. He settles very well. He is relaxed and then he just gradually turns up the

engine. A markedly low head carriage may look awkward from the stands and make Delahoussaye worry about toppling over the horse's head but, in reality, it probably helps him extend properly when running on a dirt

As to whether A. P. Indy can end the Arazi dream, his trainer is unsure. "I honestly don't know. I was very, very impressed with Arazi's reappearance. I thought it was a scintillating performance for a comeback.

"A. P. Indy has not finished developing yet. I hope there is still room for improvement."

for \$2.9 million. by Drysdale, the	transformed Selkirk into Europe's top miler last sea-	day." In a land where race times	Drysdale: impressed with Arazi's comeback
suffs Fich	AVESTEAD AVESTER	ENTERNAS IN	S. Shew

### Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 4f) 1, IYWAAN (W Carson, 12-1);
2, Afhamad (Pet Eddery, 1-2 fev), 3, Hidden Light (B Raymond, 8-1) ALSO RAN: 14 Glaisotale (4th), 20 Lobillo, Dime Seg (6th), 25 Prince Pencies, 33 Baner, Cuadrireme, 60 Acrobrite (5th), Ragamuffin Romeo 11 rain (xl, 2xil, 11, nk, ris. P Weiwyn at Lambourn, Tote: £12-00:£190, £1-10. £1-70. DF- £4-60. CSF- £17-12 2min 32-79sec.

217.12 2min 32.79sec.
2.35 (6) 1, GARAH (3 Cauthen, 11-4 fay);
2.35 (6) 1, GARAH (3 Cauthen, 11-4 fay);
2.Claybank (D Holland, 7-1); 3, Vernure
Capitalist (J Reid, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 7
Mulid (6ib), 8 Forest Law (5th),
Seddishome (4th), 10 Rock Band, 14
Baharillys, 33 Jeromic, Lord Leitrim, 68
Very Good, 11 ran, Hd. 2, 2, 3-ti, 44 H
Cedi at Newmarket, Tote: £3 90, £1.80,
2.70, £1.70 DF: £38.20 CSF; £21.71
Imin 12.83sec.

Imin 12.83eec.
3.10 (7f) 1. A-TO-Z (M Hills, 8-1); 2. Perfect Circle (W R Swinburn, 12-1); 3. Solves (D Hollsrid, 5-1), ALSD RAN, 9-4 tav Mcinight Air, 4 Skimble, 8 Red Stopers (6th), 9 Cambrian Hills, Mcznah, 33 Harvest Gri (4th), Herora (5th), 10 ran. NR: Mahasan, 14, 11, nk, 14, ld, M Bell at Moremarkot. Tote: £11.40; £2.20. DR: £35.40 CSF-£30.58. Tno: £183 80 1mm; 27 03eec.

E183 80 Imm 27 03-sec
3.40 (67) 1. FYLDE FLYER (L Piggott, 91): 2, Case Law (G Duffield, 9-2), 3, 3ir
Herry Hardman (M Roberts, 33-1) ALSO
RAN: 15-5 tay Chlearica (5th), 9-2
Snazder (4th), Power Lake, 16 Lee Artiste
(6th), 20 Letsboorestaboutit, 8 ran 3n
Ind, 11, 41, 171, J Berry at Cockerham
Tota: 16.60; 21.40, 12.00, 25.20, DF:
521.00, CSF: 544.38, Imm 12.7698C.

£21.00. CSF: £44.38. 1min 12.76eec.
4.10 (1m 2r) 1, MYFONTAINE (G. Bardwell, 16-1); 2. Lebumum (L. Detton, 13-2); 3, Rive-lumetie (W. Cerson, 4-1 fev). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Grand Hawk (6th). Majed (4th), 8 Prenty Story. 8 Statajack. 14 Widyan, Latour (5th), 16 Prince Hernibal. 20 Moonlight Ouest. St Patrick's Day, 25 Scence Dancer 13 ran. Nk. 15t, 11, 11, sh Ad. K Ivery at Raddett Tote £12.10; £2.80, £2.90, £1.60 DF £45.80 CSF: £69.19. Tricast: £280.63. 2min 04.68eec. 04.699ec. 4.40 (71) 1. BEWARE OF AGENTS (R P Elliott, 25-1). 2. Spanish Miner (B Raymond, 25-1), 3. Showgi (W R Swinburn, 16-1). ALSO RAN 9-4 tav

28.48eec 5.10 (1m 2) 1, SAYH (A Munro, 20-1); 2. Yildiz (M Hillis, 6-1); 3. Belgran (Pat Eddery, 13-2) ALSO RAN: 5-2 lav Leif The Lucky, 11-2 Bissington (8thy), 7 Robenko, 9 Staes Mirror, 12 Rennridge, 16 Captan Marmalade, Tradition (4th), 20 Chief Minister, 25 Russian Vision, Sovereign Page (5th), 33 American Boogle, Danding Dencer, Don'i Forsake Me, 16 ran Ni, 5h 46, 61, 41, 11, M Janks et Newmarket, Tote, 229.80; 25.90, 22.40, 22.90, DF: £239.10, CSF: £140,18, 2mm 07 57 sec. Jackpot: Not won (Pool of £195,497.05 carried forward to Newmarket today). Piacapot: \$2,684.60. Fontwell Park

Going: good to firm
2.90 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Diamond Cut (P
Scudemore, Evens fav); 2, Kaytak (11-2),
3, Kilcash (7-2) 17 ran, NFI, Cheap Metal.
8, 27si, M Pipe Tota, 52 10; 51-40, 52.00,
51.50 DF 55 90, CSF: 58.45.
3,00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Mark Kybo (0
0 Sulliven, 5-6 fav. Privata Handicapper's top rating); 2, Noratown (8-1), 3,
Sunshine Right (4-1) 9 ran, 10, ½1, R
0 Sulliven, Tote 52.00; \$1.20; \$2.50,
\$51.10, DF: \$51.80 CSF: \$51.5.

E1.10, DF: £11 80 CSF, £9.15.
3.30 (2m 6t hdle) 1, Sand Castle (D Bridgwater, 16-1); 2, Pleustole (12-1); 3, Impecable Timing (11-2); 4, Donna Del Lago (5-2 lay), 19 nin. 1/4i, 1/4i, lei, P Howing, Tota: £56.00; £490, £490, £490, £190, £1.20. DF: £1.305.60, CSF: £190, £1.20. DF: £1.305.60, CSF: £10.90, Tincast: £1.117.68. After stewards enquiry, result stood. No bid.
4.00 (3m 2f 110yd) 1, Prairite Storms (G McCourt, 13-8 lay); 2, Over And Above (9-4); 3, Cardenal Ralph (8-1), 7 nan. Sh hd., 301. T. Etherington Tota: £2.20; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £2.30. CSF, £5.71. After stewards enquiry, result stood.

CSF: £18.44. After stewards' enquiry, receiff street. result stood, 5.00 (3m gl 110yd ch) 1, Rhode Island Red (6 Moore, 9-2); 2, The City Minstral (7-4 fav); 3, Always Talking (20-1), 8 ren. 201, A Moore, Tote: 55.00; 51.40, 51.50, 51.80, DF: £4.80, CSF: £12.80, 5.30 (2m gl 110yd ch) 1, General Merchant (Wirvine, 5-2); 2, Roxall Clump (2-1 fav); 3, Never A Penny (9-1), 8 ren. 15, 8 H Hodges, Tote: £4.20, £1.20, £1.70, £1.90, DF: £4.80, CSF: £8.06, Tricast: 535.04.

Sedgefield Going: good

2.15 (2m hotie) 1, Perjury (P Niven. 7-2 lav). 2, Gymorak Gamble (8-1). 3. De Valera (33-1). 16 ran, 6t. 8t. D Eddy, Tole 24 50, 21 70, 22 60, £11.90. DF. £12.90 CSF: £28.34. CSF 528.34.
245 (2m 41 hdle) 1, Camden Knight (R Hodge, 10-1), 2, Full Monty (7-1); 3, Wake Up (4-1), Burn Bridge 7-2 fav. 8 ran '8), 2%! N Bycroft, Tote 514 60, 53 00, 51.90, 51.90, 0F, 520 90, CSF 588 80, Tricest 525 82.

E285-82.
3.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Unex-Plained U-Calleghan, 7-21. 2, Leader (5-4 fav); 3, Withy Bank (16-1) 10 ran. 2/sl, 10 G Attorne Total (4) 5.1 40, 5.150, 5.24.0. DF E4-30 GSF E7-56 Tricast: 251.41 3.50 (2m et) + Spree Cross (K Johnson, 10-1) 2, Stags Fell (7-1); 3, Mega Blue (4-1) Just Franke, Oberski 7-2 ji-lavs 13 ran 71, hd W A Stephenson, Tote 151 10; 22-40, 23-20. £1 40. DF £50.20 CSF 27.16

22.40, £3.20. £1.40, Dr. £30.20 CSF £71.16 4.20 (3m 21 180yd ch) 1, Finel Chant (Mr. H Brown, 10-11 lav), 2, Paddy Hayton (11-4), 3, Palmahalm (11-2), 9 ran, 30t. 10t. D. Brydon Tote. £2.00, £1.30. £1.40, £1.50 DF £3.50 CSF. £3.71 4.50 (3m 21 160yd hdle) 1, Graco Card (P. Niven, 5-2 (1-fav), 2, Sarssol (7-1), 3, Well Bneled (20-1), Man's Best Frend 5-2, 1-Lav 18 ran 4t, 21 Mirs G. Reveley, Tote: £3.40, £2.90, £2.60, £5.70. DF. £24.80, CSF £21.86 5.20 (2m hdle) 1, Fox Chapel (M. Dwyer, 5-2, Iso), 2, Imperial Brit (11-2), 3, Cwitandish (12-1), 17 ren NR Deep Artiste 5, 3al Jammy Fitzgerald, Tote, £4.40, £1.60, £2.60, £3.60 DF. £11.50 CSF £17.66 Placeport £83.30,

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Newmarket 12 months ago was interpreted by several ex-

perts, correctly as it turned

out, as a favourable omen for

Now, following Lion Cav-

ern's victory in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury last Satur-

day. I will be looking to his stable companion Steinbeck

to win today's race under joint top-weight, and thereby

draw further attention to his

chance of attaining greater

fame in the colts' classic at the

next Newmarket meeting. After Lion Cavern had won

his trial, both Andre Fabre

and Shaikh Mohammed's

racing manager, Anthony

Stroud, confirmed that the

two classic hopefuls have

Apparently, Lion Cavern

goes the better whenever there is some give underfoot, while Steinbeck looks the

more gifted on faster ground.

to fame so far is that he is still

the only horse to have inflict-

ed defeat on Arazi. That was in a newcomers' race over five

furlongs at Chantilly last

Afterwards, Arazi duly got

his revenge in both the Prix

du Bois at Longchamp and the Prix Robert Papin at Mai-

Steinbeck's only other race

was at Longchamp midway

through September when he

was awarded the Prix de la

Rochette on the disqualification of Rainbow Corner, who had beaten him by a short

As Rainbow Corner then went on to finish a creditable

second to Arazi in the Grand

Criterium, with Seattle Rhyme, the subsequent of the

2.45 Isotonic. 3.15 Tynron Doon. 3.45 Lochsong. 4.15 Carefree Times. 4.50 Eden's Close. 5.20

2.45 Isotonic, 3.15 Prime Mover, 3.45 The Can Can

Man. 4.15 Carefree Times. 4.50 Peto. 5.20 Palace-

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.50 Eden's Close.

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21 ISOTONIC 8 (CD.S) G Moore 8-13
OUR MICA J Berry 8-1
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third, the form stands up

fourth, Pursuit Of Love,

should turn out to be the

A winner over today's

course and distance early in

October, Pursuit Of Love has

last season, now has some-

thing to prove after disap-

pointing in his next two races.

Sun makes his seasonal debut

in the Earl of Sefton EBF

Fabre: strong hand

for 2,000 Guineas

With Star Of Gdansk and

Along with Mystiko, Desert

main threat to Steinbeck.

under scrutiny.



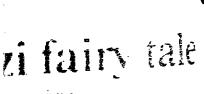
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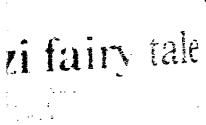


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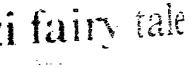












### GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST 2.45 STRAWBERRY HILL STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,478: 5f) (7 runners)

### 1 20-5 PRIME MOVER 28 (B) D Burchell 4-9-7 R Price (5) 10 2 4-00 SPRING TERN 18 (B.F) R O Leavy 4-9-7 . M Birch 18 3 00-0 TURBULENT RIVER 5 (F) N Tinkler 4-9-7 3 00-0 TURBULENT RIVER 5 (F) N Tinkler 4-9-7 Kum Tinkler 18 4 05-0 ANGEL TRAIN 5 (B, F, G) J Parkes 4-9-2 S Whitworth 2 5 0-04 CHLOES DIAMOND 54 (F) J Spearing 4-9-2 J Ferraing (3) 22 6 0-56 HANJESSDAN 20 D Haydin Jones 4-9-2 J Williams 19 6 00 JOHNSTON S EXPRESS 14 E Alston 49-2 K Falion 8 8 -054 TAPESTRY DANCER 13 M Haynes 4-9-2 9 5100 BROTHERLYAFFECTION 7 R Hollmshead 3-8-5 W Rusan 91

- W Ryan 21
  10 2522 READY TO DRAW 9 (F) Ronald Thompson 3-8-5
  11 03-1 TYNRON DOON 14 (D.S.) 18-2-3-3-5
  12 03-1 TYNRON DOON 14 (D.S.) 18-2-3-3-5
  13 03-1 TYNRON DOON 14 (D.S.) 18-2-3-3-5
  14 03-1 TYNRON DOON 14 (D.S.) 18-2-3 13 4-30 GALLEY GODDIF VIIII 177 A Smith 3-8-0 15 000- KING OPTIMIST 177 A Smith 3-8-0 16 00-5 LYN'S RETURN 7 R Smpson 3-8-0 A Tucker (5) 4 17 6-0 ROWANDENE 21 M H Easterby 3-8-0 S Maloney (5) 11 18 -050 STAG NIGHT 7 C Tinker 3-8-0 K Darfey 14 19 000- THE DOMINANT GENE 354 J Jensins 3-8-0 N Adams 15 J Llowe 3
- M Agarts 15
  0 550- BLUE CROSS 211 P Felgale 3-79 . . . . J Lowe 3
  0 0 HOT SOUND 9 B Luriness 3 7-9 . . . . . 13
  25 50-0 LADY RANDOLPH 7 (Campbell 3-79 G Mitchell (7) 17 4-1 Tyrion Doon, 9-2 Pume Mover, 6-1 Chlose Diamond, Gelley Gossip 6 f Lyn s Return, Ready To Draw, 10-1 others
- 3.45 ST GILES HANDICAP (\$2,742: 61) (18) : 330- VICTORIA ROAD 228 (F) M H Easterby 4-10-0 M Byrch 12 000- RED ROSEIN 176 (D.F.G) J H Wilson 6-100
  A Cultane 7 200- WELSH SECRET 179 (CD.F.S) Mrs J Ramsden 49-10 T Lucas 15
  000- THE CAN CAN MAN 159 (F.G) M Johnston 5-9-1
  1 Farming (3) 14
  211- LOCHSONG 172 (D.F.G) I Building 4-9-7
  F Arrowsmith (7) 3
- 6 4-40 BEATLE SONG 12 (D.G) R Hodges 4-9-5 6 2-40 BEATLE SONG 12 (D.G) R Prodges 4-9-5
  T Sprake (5) 5
  T SSO- GLENFIELD GRETA 194 (D.F) P Felgale 4-9-4
  R Price (5) 9 2-30 MALUNAR 12 (V.D.F.S) M Tompkins 7-9-0 M Godsafe (7) 8 4 03-5 DARANAH 12 (D.F.G.) C Hai 5-8-12 D Blogs (3) 4 :0 -000 TCO EAGER 5 (B.CD.F.G.S) M W Easierby 6-8-11 11 00-0 FAT EDEN 9 (D.G.) R Hodges 4-8-9 N Carlesle 10 12 000- DENSBEN 169 (CD.F.G.S) Denys Smith 8-8-6
- 12 000- DENOBER 199 (9-1)
  13 52-5 PHARAOH'S DANCER 12 E Wheeler 5-8-4 FNorton (5) 5
  15 Fortune 2 12 005 ARC LAMP 138 (G) J Glover 68-4 J F 15 420 FILICAIA 172 (D,F,G) Don Ennoc Incisa 6-8-3
- Nim Tinkler 13 1565 GORYTUS STAR 11 (BF,5) D Haydn Jones 683 J Lowe 18 17 0240 SANDMOOR DENIM 20 (F.G) 5 Bowning 5-8-2 S Webster 11 19 200- GRANNY MC 175 E Alsion 5-7 13 N Kennedy (5) 17 12 Londong 41 Wests Secret 6-1 Gorylus Star Malunar, 8-1 The Can Can Man, victoria Road, 10-1 Pharoan's Dancer, 12-1 others

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COMMENTAL!

### Laura's Beau rested

LAURA'S Beau, third behind the owner and we have decid-Party Politics and Romany ed to finish him for the King in the Grand National, was yesterday pulled out of the Irish equivalent (Our Irish Racing Correspondent

writes). His trainer, Frank Berry, has been influenced by a weights rise, which would committee yesterday after it mean Laura's Beau shoulder- was found that his Brunswick ing a minimum of 11st 7lb in the Jameson-sponsored event at Fairyhouse on Monday. "I talked things over with January.

season," he said. "He will have another tilt at the Grand National next year."

☐ The Epsom trainer John Sutcliffe was fined £500 by the Jockey Club disciplinary Blue ran with a prohibited substance. Navilox, when unplaced at Lingfield in

MANDARIN 2.00 Juniper Berry. 2.35 Jackson Flint. 3.05 CRUACHAN (nap). 4.10 Nordic Brave. 4.45 Defenceless. 5.15 Muhayaa.

3.35 Steinbeck. 4.10 Dry Point. 4.45 Simmering.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 DESERT SUN (nap), 3.35 Pursuit Of Love

also standing their	GOING: GOOD TO FIRM	DRAW: NO ADVA
seems to reserve	2.00 GEOFFREY BARLING (3-Y-O: £2,950: 7f) (10 runners)	MAIDEN FILLIES STAKE

his best form for the Mile course at Newmarket, where he won the Challenge Stakes last season in addition to the Free Handicap and the The Dewhurst Stakes 2,000 Guineas. But he is an unknown

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quantity over today's distance of nine furlongs as is Desert Sun. The same criticism cannot be levelled at either Star Of Gdansk or Cruachan. When he finished second in

done a lot of preparatory work on the Heath in the last year's Champion Stakes. company of the four-year-old beaten half-a-length by Tel Desert Sun, who has always Quel, Cruachan had Star Of been a good home-worker. . Gdansk one-and-a-half Artic Tracker, who was atlengths behind in fifth place. tracting bids the size of tele-In going nap on Cruachan phone numbers after winning his first two races

now, I am taking him to confirm his superiority on 3lb better terms. Even Cruachan's preparatory race for last year's Champion Stakes, after that lengthy injury-enforced absence, now looks good since he was endeavouring to give 4lb to Ru-dimentary, who won the Newbury Spring Cup last Saturday by seven lengths

with 10 stone on his back. On the jumping front at Cheltenham, I will be looking to Katabatic to win the South Wales Showers Silver Trophy

In the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham in March, Katabatic finished three-and-a-half lengths in front of the admirable Waterloo Boy at level weights. Now he will be getting 31b from him over a trip that arguably suits him the

Blinkered first time NEWMARKET: 4 45 The Wend. PONTE FRACT: 3.15 Prime Mover. 4.15 One Fo The Chief. 4.50 Manair.

### 4.15 BAUGH FELL HANDICAP (£1,730: 2m 1f 22yd) (16)

1 600- BEAU QUEST 188 (F.G) R Whitaker 5-10-0

1 600- BEAU OUEST 188 (F.G) R Whitaker 5·10-0
A Cufhane 15
2 00/0 MEGAN'S FLIGHT 53 (G) T Caldwell 7-9-12 C Dwyer 6
3 0-02 CAREFREE TIMES 8 (F.G) J Norton 5-9-6
Forton (3) 14
4 0-22 BOLLIN MAGDALENE 16 (B) M H Easterby 4-9-0
S Maioney (5) 5
5 5404 DON'T CRY 18 J Bethell 4-8-11 ... G Duffield 16
6 50/5 SEE THE LIGHT 19 (B) Mis V Aconley 5-8-11
A Tucker (5) 11
7 30-0 SONIC SIGNAL 5 (F.G) M Heymas 6-8-11 D Biggs (3) 4
8 50/0 SEDGY MEAD 12 P Jones 4-8-6 ... R Prize (5) 12
9 000- BAHRAIN OUEEN 1622 C Smith 4-8-6 ... J Fortune 2
10 305/ LADY ELECTRIC 441J (S) R Hodges 6-8-5
11 /04- PREMIER PRINCESS 20J (S) G Ham 6-8-4 S Wood 7
2 /00- SMAREEF STAR 11 J M Blenshad 4-8-4 N Carfiele 13
13 00-0 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 18 (V) R Whitaker 4-8-2
LADY ELECTRIC 4-10 (S) G Ham 6-8-4 S Wood 7
2 /00- SMAREEF STAR 11 J M Blenshad 4-8-4 N Carfiele 13
14 000- TROJAN ENVOY 13-J W Carter 4-8-1 ... N Adams 10

14 000- TROJAN ENVOY 134J W Carter 48-1 - N Adams 10 15 36-6 RACING RASKAL 18 J H Wison 58-0 - J Lowe 1 16 400- ISOBAR 159J (F.G) M Chapmen 67-11 N Kennedy (5) 8

11-4 Carefree Times, 3-1 Bollin Magdalene, 9-2 Beau Quest, 6-1 Tro jan Envoy, 8-1 See The Light, 10-1 Racing Raskal, 12-1 others.

### 4.50 LADY BALK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,674: 1m 2f 6yd) (13) 1 05- BARTON PRIDE 176 R Hollinshead 9-0

-		•			J Fordham (7)	à
2	0-60	BASILICA 53	C Brittain 94	0	Ron Hillis (3)	ś
3	00				0. G Creatock	
4					S Whitworth	
5	3	DEXTER CH	IEF 20   Bald	mg 9-0. S	O'Gorman (3)	7
6					M Birch	
7	55-3				J Fortune i	
8		MANAIR (V)	A Stewart 9-0	)	K Darley 1	
9					L Newton (5) 1	
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11			190		Wiffyan	
12		SUDANOR 2			W Newnes !	
13	G-	WILKINS 17	5 J Farshawe	9-0	G Duffield 12	2
11-10	Peto.	3-1 Sudanor, E	-1 Dexter Ch	et, 8-1 Eden	's Close, 12-1 Es	,
10003	n, 14-1	Bosãoa, 15-1	others			
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### 5.20 GARFORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,800: 5f) (18)

- 1 332- JUST BOB 235 (D.F) S Kettlewell 9-7 J Fanning (3) 14 2 1 DOUBLE BLUE 14 (D.S) M Johnston 9-3 G Duffield 4 3 -812 GRAND TIME 57 (D.BF, S) C +8 9-2 D Biggs (3) 15 4 0-00 PALACEGATE GOLD 9 (F) R Hodges 9-1 7 Sorzito
- 3 -812 GRAND TIME 57 (D.BF.F.S) C +Bir 92 D Biggs (3) 15
  4 0-00 PALACEGATE GOLD 9 (F) R Hodges 9-1
  5 5530 DOESYOUDOES 27 (O) D Thom 9-0
  5 5530 DOESYOUDOES 27 (O) D Thom 9-0
  5 330- CAPITAL IDEA 155 (B.D.F) Ronald Thompson 9-0
  7 240- AUCTION KING 159 A Snuth 9-0
  8 00-0 CHESHIRE ANNIE 13 W Carter 8-12.
  9 20-0 CULEEN'S TICKLE 29 (F) A Janvis 8-9
  10 600- BATTUTA 189 R Earnshaw 8-8.
  5 Maltonny (S) 16
  11 450- PREMIER ENVELOPE 201 (D,F) N Tinkler 8-7
  12 250- AMOUREUSE 198 (D,G) E Cwen Jr 8-6.
  13 63-0 WHO'S THAT LADY 21 M H Easterby 8-8
  14 008- AHKAM 162 H Thomson Jones 8-5.
  15 -500 FIGHTER SOUADRON 20 (Ty J Gwer 8-2 J Fortune 2
  16 2440 GRUBBY 20 R Hollinchead 8-1.
  17 65U- MISS MOVIE WORLD 212 N Bycroft 8-1. J Lows 18
  18 00-9 PETAURISTA 49 M Johnston 9-1.
  18 NAGama 13
  9-4 Double Blue, 7-2 Grand Time, 4-1 Queen's Tickle, 6-1 Just Bob, 8-1 Premier Envelope, 10-1 Doesyoudoes, 12-1 others

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 10 winners from 60 ndes, 16 7%, W Newnes, 5 from 30, 16 7%, t. Darley, 20 from 134, 14 9%, A Tucker, 3 from 22, 13,6%, K Fation, 11 from 85, 12,8%, N Comporten, 5 from 47, 12 8%

### Queen opens stand

EPSOM's new £8.5 million members' stand will be opened by the Queen before racing on Derby day, June 3. Construction of the development, which will be known as the Queen's Stand, is almost complete. The luxury stand, which has 20 private boxes, has a restaurant and bars and incorporates a new weighing room.

☐ Five horses owned by the late Jim Joel. including Road To Riches, will be offered for sale at the Tattersalls National Hunt Sale at Cheltenham on May 29.

### NEWMARKET 3.35 EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £16,030: 7f) (9 runners) RICHARD EVANS

THUNDERER 2.00 Petal Girl. 2.35 ULURU (nap). 3.05 Cruachan.

3.05 Desert Sun. 3.35 Steinbeck.

4.45 SIMMERING (nap)

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM	DRAW: NO ADVANTA		
2.00 GEOFFREY BARLING	MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES		

u	υU	GEOF	FREY BARLING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES		
Y-	0: E	2,950: 71	) (10 runners)		
1	(6)		BORN TO DANCE (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11	,	
~	(1)		EURIDICE (Studerown Limited) L Cumani 8-11	L Daltori	_
	(2)	5-2	JUNIPER BERRY 18 (A Sangster) P Chapple Hyam 8-11	Pat Eddery	<b>9</b> 9
4	(3)	3-	JUST A MIRAGE 170 (Hamdan Al-Makloum) A Scott 8-11	. W Carson	78
5	(5)	0-	LYSIRRA 222 (Shakn Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen	_
6	(8)	6-	MILIYEL 326 (M Salem) 8 Honbury 8-11	W R Swinburn	
7	(9)	24-	PETAL GIRL 208 (J Moore) R Hannon 8-11	L Pagent	
8	(10)		SHALABIA (Ecume Fustol.) M Mouberal 8-11	7 Quinn	_
9	(7)	4	SUNLEY SILKS 13 (Sunley Holdings Pic) M Channon 8-11		70
10	(4)	0-	TRAINEE 168 (M Oberstein) W Haggas 8-11	N Day	
I S	NG: halab	11-4 Bon	n To Dance, 7-2 Eurodice, 4-1 Juniper Berry 6-1 Petal Girl, rstra, 14-1 Sunley Silks, 16-1 Milyel, 25-1 Trainee	B-1 Just A Mir	

	10-1 3-18L	suia, 12-3 (	1991: PASTORALE 8-11 S Cauthen (5-2 lav) J Gosden 14 ran		
	2.3	5 JEYE	S BLOO HANDICAP (£5,481: 1m 6f) (17 runners)	C4	
İ	1  1	111414	DEPOSKI 200 (D.F.G.S) (D) (W Scott) M Stoute 4-10-0	W R Swinburn	8
I	2 (3	11/3035-	REGENT'S FOLLY 217 (F.G) (Mrs H Lopes) W Jarvis 4-9-12	A Munro	86
ı	3 (6	031020	GAY GLINT 179 (CD.F.G) (P Jacobs) N Graham 5-9-10	C Asmussen	
ı	4 {13	) 0200-22	GULF PALACE 18 (F.G.S) (G Burroll) R Akehurst 7:9-9	T Outinn	
ı	5 (12	22321-0	ULURU 27 (S) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9 9	B Raymond	93
İ	6 (10	031110-	WITNESS BOX 207 (D.F.G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 5 9-9	S Cauthen	87
l	7 (9	14212-5	JACKSON FLINT 18 (C.D.F.G) (Mrs H Jones) H Thomson Jones 4-9	H8 RHMS	
I	8 (15	045015-	MADAGANS GREY 33J (B,C,F,G,S) (Madagana Pic) R Boss 4-9 2	M Roberts	
i	9 (7	114006	CASTLE COURAGEOUS 201 (F,G) (Lady Mumford) Lady Hernes 592	J Red	
ı	10 (5	541-	GONDOLIER 317 (G) (D) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cacil 492	. Pat Edderv	85
ı	11 (14	0530-01	AL MUTAHM 9 (G.S) (W Sturt) J Old 490 (4ex)	L Detton	<b>e</b> 95
ı	12 (11	34004-4	DOM WAC 26 (F) (Mrs P Karpidas) M Bell 488	M Has	94
ı	13 (2	0400-01	COLERIDGE 26 (F.G) (P Sheeten) D Show 4-87	G Carner	90
١	14 (17	02-3	EQUITY CARD 25 (Mrs M Stewart) G Pritchard-Gordon 48-2	W Carson	
i	15 (15	62303-0	MUBIN 12 (A Dean) C C Elsey 4-8-1.	. J.Quinn	
١	16 (4	560-404	SIRE LEATH-SCEAL 12 (F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-7-10	G Bardwell	93
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Long handicap: Sean's Scholar 7-0 BETTING: 92 Al Mutahm, 8-1 Dom Wac, Gondoker, Wilness Box, 10-1 Gulf Palace, Jeckson Flint, 12-1 Deposki, Equity Card, 16-1 Castle Courageous, Gay Glint, Regent's Folly, Uluru, 20-1 others 1991: GAY GLINT 4-8-11 W R Swinburn (7-2) N Grahem 5 ran

### FORM FOCUS

DEPOSKI 6kil 4th of 18 to Tidemark in Ascot (5m 4l, soft) handicap REGENT'S FOLLY 5l 5th of 11 to Patrica in group if it A F Budge Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m 6l 132yd, good to firm) GULF PALACE 7l 2nd of 9 to Army 01 Stars in Warninck (1m 7l, soft) handicap with JACKSON FLINT (2b better off) 18 5th, EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 7th GONDOLER beat Bardolph 's: in 18-usner Doncaster (2m 2l, good) handicap with DOM WAC (5lb better off) 3ki 5th, EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 7th GONDOLER beat Bardolph 's: in 18-usner Doncaster (2m 2l, good) and the EQUITY CARD 2% 3rd of 13 to Star Quest at Doncaster (1m 6l 132yd, good) Kisks 2'sl in 9-unner York (1m 6l, good to fam)

### 3.05 EARL OF SEFTON EBF STAKES (Group III: £18,990: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

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	1	(11)	110041-	MYSTIKO 181 (C.F.G) (Doweger Lady Beaverbrook) C Britian 4-9-4 M Roberts	94
l	2	(3)	012146-	FLYING BRAVE 186 (C.F.G.) (Lord Swaythling) J Duntop 4-9-1 J Reid	83
	3	(5)	614050-	STAR OF GDANSK 165 (G,S) (H De Kwalkowski) J Bolger (ha) 4-8-13 C Roche	97
	4	(6)	25-	ADAM SMITH 330 (Lord White of Hull) L Cument 4-8-10 L Dettort	78
				CRUACHAN 179 (F.G) (Mrs M Ennever) G Harwood 4-8-1() R Cochrane	<b>99</b>
	6	(9)	1/26321-	DESERT SUN 215 (F,S) (Prince Khalid Al Saud) H Cacil 48-10 . Pat Eddery	98
	7	(8)		FLASHFOOT 192 (D.F) (J Smith)   Balding 48-10 B Raymond	95
	8	{Z}	21-	LAHIB 349 (C.G.) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Duntop 4-8-10 . W Carson	77
				SURE SHARP 180 (C.F.G) (Sheakit Mohammed) B Hills 5-8-10 S Cauthon	85
				GAI BULGA 215 (F) (Sir P Oppenhermer) G Wragg 4-8-7. W R Swinburn	93
	11	(10)	220135-	LOVEALOCH 187 (D.F.G) (J Hambro) M Bell 48-7 M Hills	87
				<ul> <li>Adam Smith will only run if there is overnight rain</li> </ul>	
	RETT	ING:	134 Doco	of Sun. 2.1 Chrischen, 7.2 Martino, 14.1 Star Of Grings, 16.1 June, 20.1 Electrica	

Buiga, 25-1 Adam Smith, 33-1 others 1991: TERIMON 5-8-13 M Roberts (7-2 lav) C Brittain 11 ran

### FORM FOCUS

MYSTIKO best Only Yours 2 in 7-runner group it Challenge Stakes here (71, good to firm). FLYING BRAVE 13½1 6th of 12 to Crack Regiment in group it race in Medical (1m. soit)
CRUACHAN 'bi 2nd of 12 to Tel Quel in group it public Chempion Stakes here (1m 21. good to firm) group it SARR P 7½1 5th of 10 to Susur-ration in Insted race over course and distance (good to firm) grap it Selections best Ristne 5i in 6-runner Doncaster

[1m. good to firm) graduation race. FLASHFOOT risk 2nd of 5 to Bold Russian in group it Beefeater Gin good) on penultimate stars SURE SHARP 7½1 5th of 10 to Susur-ration in Insted race over course and distance (good to firm) grap it Selecti Stakes an in group it Select Stakes an in group it Select Stakes an in group it Select Stakes an in group it Select Stakes an in group it Select Stakes an in group it Selection firm) graduation race. FLASHFOOT risk challenge from the course of the property of the selection file of the selection fi

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS Winners Runners Percent

## CHELTENHAN

MANDARIN 2.15 Sweet Glow. 2.50 Tug Of Gold. 2.15 Ketti. 2.50 Henry Mann. 3.25 Katabatic. 4.00 Suitton Lane. 3.25 Katabatic. 4.00 Jakarrdi. 4.35 Beech Road. 5.10 Yorkshire Gale. 4.35 Buck Willow. 5.10 Noble Yeoman. 5.40 Barge Boy. 5.40 Barge Boy.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 FLOWING RIVER.

2.15 GEORGE DULLER HANDICAP HURDLE BBC1 (£4,175: 3m) (15 runners) 111003 SWEET GLOW 18 (CD.F.G.) (Farlord Wholesale Confectioners Lid) M Pp 107-120 PACTOLUS 35 (CD.F.G.S) (J. Holmest S Christian 9-11-4 ceze-20 PRU VALENTINO 13 (D.F.) (Mrs S Jones) J Edwards 8-108 ... 511/000 LOANINGDALE 7 (B.F.G.) (Mrs S Crane) R Admirst 7-106 ... 251421 THREECUTOFFOUR 13 (G.S.) (Miss C Brennan) C Brennan 7-105 634415 KETTI 18 (B.F.F.G.S.) (Ben-shire Components Lid) D Williams 7-10-2 ... 131-676 MEDIANE 13 (D.G.S.) (Mrs M Thominson) M Brackstock 7-10-0 SP00-00 SIR CRUSTY 13 (C.F.G.S.) (M Ashi O O'Neil 10-10-0 ... 300501 PETTY SRIDGE 7 (F.G.S.) (C Bouston) A James 8-10-0 ... 444558 YOUNG HUSTLER 11 (F.G.S.) (G MacEchem) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-0 THEO'S FELLA 18 (G.T.) (The Wardshorn (J.K.I. Lid) J Fox 8-10-0 ctioners Ltd) M Proe 5-11-10 P Sc G McCourt 87
N Williamson 85
J Osborne —
M Brennan 91
Mr G Lewes (7) 94
P Holley 92
D Learly (7) 98
R Bellamy 99
C Llewellyn 90
S Hodgson —
M A Fizzgeraid (3) 68
P Hide (7) 77
L Harvey 87
Susan Kersey 7 G McCourt 10 414558 \*\* CUUNIA HUSTLEN 11 (#.23.51 (5. MACICIEM) N 149557-13985.5
12 P/00255 CUILEANN 7 (D.F.) (D Descor) D Descor) 7:000
13 022503 ANNIO CHILDRUE 26 (5) MAY J Cattor) J Cafford 6:10-0
14 329435 JUST BLAKE 26 (F.G.) Mrs A Gamtolo J Robers 11:10-0
15 6-RESSR MANDALAY PRINCE 8F (T Lersey) T Lersey 8:10-0

Long handicep: Mediane 9-13. Sr. Crusty 9-12. Petty Bridge 9-11. Young Hustler 9-7. Theo's Fella 9-2. Culearn 8-5. Anno Chilone 8-4. Just Blake 8-2. Mandalay Prince 8-0
BETTING: 2-1 Sweet Glow 4-1 Threeoutoffour 9-2 Pactolus, 6-1 Petry Bridge, 8-1 Young Hustler, 10-1 Ketti, 14-1 Ru Valentino, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

### 1991: PACTOLUS 8-10-17 A Mulholland (13-2) S Christian 8 ran

SWEET GLOW All 3rd of 12 to Pragade at Ascol (3m, good) PACTOLUS 3th 2nd of 9 to Prime Deplay at Kempton (3m, good) THREEDUTOFFOUR Dear Castle Secret 1th in 25-th 10 th 
### 2.50 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN GOLDEN MILLER TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£8,545: 3m 2f) (6 runners)

1 41-122U HENRY MANN 13 (B.CD.F.G.S) (L. Wison) S Chissian 9-11-10 2 0P42P1 TOPSHAM BAY 26 ICD.F.G.S) (M. Marsh) D Barons 9-11-5 3 12233U LATENT TALENT 13 (BF.G.S) (C. Heath) S Shenwood 8-11-0 4 2-P2211 TUG OF GOLD 22 (C.F.G.) IMrs J Mould) D Nicholson 7-11 0 5 /31/1-5 PIN'S PRIDE 22 (C.F.G.S) (Mrs E Pinto) J Gittord 10-10-9 6 2P3RPU HONEYBEER MEAD 11 (G) IB Rivally B Ryall 10-10-4 The trainer states that Henry Mann will run only if there is overnight ram.

### BETTING: 13-8 Tug Of Gold, 5-2 Topsham Bay, 100-30 Henry Mann, 5-1 Latent Talent, 16-1 Pin's Pride 50-1 Honeybeer Mead 1991: GALA'S IMAGE 11-10-5 J Shortl (14-1) J McConnoctve 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

HENRY MANN 2: 2nd of 17 to Tipping Tim in Chelerham (3m 1), good) handcap chase with TOP-SHAM BAY pulled up 17th TOPSHAM BAY bear the Leggelt 8 in 8-unner Newbury (3m 2: 110yd good) handcap chase

When 7'yi 3rd of 9 to Cool Ground in Chepstow (3m 2) (3m opodi fizadeza chase
TUG OF GOLD beat Farmica Boy 151 in 7-runner
Sandown (3m 118yd, good) previously beat Paco's
Selection: HENRY MANN

### 3.25 SOUTH WALES SHOWERS SILVER TROPHY CHASE (Grade II: £15,325: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

BETTING: 6-5 Katabatic, 2-1 Waterloo Boy, 7-2 Norton s Com, 10-1 Golden Freeze 1991: NORTON'S COIN 10-11-4 G McCourt (9-4) S Graliths 4 ran

### FORM FOCUS

KATABATIC beal Moster Righ (received 12tb) 3% in 4-runner grade il limited handicap chase at Liverpool (2m, good) previously 11 2nd of 6 to Remitance Man in grade i Queen Mother Champion

WATERLOO BOY best effort, beat Young Srugtut treceived Blbt 21 in 5-runner Ascot (2m good to lirm) handcap chase (2m good to lirm) handcap chase (2m good to lirm) handcap chase (2m good to lirm) handcap chase (2m good with Gollen Freeze Shi 4m NORTON'S Colle (2m good) previously II 2nd of 6 to Remitted handcap chase at Liverbool (2m, good) previously II 2nd of 6 to Remitted handcap chase at Liverbool (2m, good) previously II 2nd of 6 to Remitted handcap chase at Liverbool (2m, good) previously II 2nd of 6 to Remitted handcap chase at Sandown (3m 118yd0 Selection: KATABATIC (nap)

### (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £16,030: 7f) (9 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Steinbeck, 11-4 Pursuit Of Love, 7.2 Wollhound, 6-1 Fair Crack, 8-1 Artic Tracker, 12-1 Master Of Passion, 20-1 Taylor Guigley, 33-1 Bobzao, Wilde Rufo, 11-11 (C Burtain), 11 rsh

### FORM FOCUS

FAIR CRACK 2'si 3rd of 25 to Casteddu in valuable Racecall Gold Trophy at Redear (6), good on penultimale start STEINBECK beaten shink by Rainbeach Corner, promoted to 1st. in group 11 Pril La Rochette at Longchamp (1m. good to limit) ARTIC TRACKER 63 3rd of 5 to Rodingo be Triano in group it Laurent-Perner Champagne Stakes at Don caster (7), good to firm), previously 1st 3rd of 7 to Chicmond in group 18 Science Stakes at Sandown (7).

### 4.10 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP (£7,895: 7f) (20 runners) 1 (10) 1-42332 MAC'S FIGHTER 36 (B.C.D.F.G) (M McDonnell) W ⊙ Garman 7.9 t0

	•	101	DECEMB	LAMARSH 214 (F) (Sheith Mohammod) J Gosden 4 9-8 S Cauthen	
		(6)			
	3	(16)		DORSET DUKE 53 (C.D.F.G) (G Wragg) G Wragg 5-97 W R Swinburn	
	4	(17)		FIELD OF HONOUR 169 (F) (Lord Portsmouth) L Cumani 496 L Dettori	
	5	(9)		ANNABELLE ROYALE 209 (D.F.G) (P Saunders) Mrs N Macaultry 6 9 2 B Crossley	
i	6	(18)		DOMICKSKY 25 (C.D.F.G.S) (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 4-9 1 N Day	
	7	(3)		MANGO MANILA 26 (CD.G.S) (R Del Rosano) C Horgan 7-6-12 C Asmussen	
	8	(12)		SUPEROO 181 (CD.F.G) (Mrs. F. Gamer) J. Suitcliffe 6.8-12 Paul Eddery	' '
	9	(20)		LANGUEDOC 25 (S) (Mis H Warre) M Naughton 5-8-10	- 1
1	0	(11)		GABBIADINI 25 (V.D.F) (Stat Eng Products) M Tompkins 5-8-10 R Cochrane	
1	1	(14)		PYTCHLEY NIGHT 26 (CD,BF,F) (J Higgins) D Monts 5-8-9 Stephen Davies (7)	
1.	2	(2)		DRY POINT 172 (C.F.G) (Lady Sophia Morrison) J Toiler 6-9-7 Dale Gibson	
1	3	(13)	81222-1	KING OF CHANCE 26 (F,G) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8.7. J Weaver (7)	
1	4	(1)		NORDIC BRAVE 12 (D.F.S) (M Butlain) M Butlain 686 Pat Eddery	
1	5	(8)	430160-	SHINING JEWEL 179 (F) (D Roll) Mrs. L Pigeolf 5.8-6 G Miligan (7)	
19	6	(19)	634036-	SALUTING WALTER 159 (G) (1 Campbell 1 Campbell 48-6 A Clark	•
7	7	(5)	112011	AFRICAN CHIMES 28 (D.F) (D Wheatley) W O Gorman 5-8-4 Emma O'Gorman (5)	•
3	8	115)	40401-1	COLOSSUS 19 (D.G.S) (Capt M. Lemos) C. Brillain 4.8.3 M. Roberts	. 1
1	9	(7)	106253	DOULAB'S IMAGE 8 (B.D) (Claremont Services) J Glover 5.8-3 J Quinn	
3	0	(4)	560126-	MAHSUL 214 (D,F) (Hamdan A) Makroum) C Benstead 4.7.10 W Carson	
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### BETTING: 7-1 King Of Chance: 10-1 Nordic Brave, 12-1 Colossus, Domicksky, Field Of Honaur, Gabbiadini Mango Manila, 14-1 Dorset Duke, Lamarsh, Mansul, Superco, 16-1 African Chimes, Pytichlov Night, 20-1 others 1991: NICHOLAS 5-10 0 L Piggolt (9-4 fav) Mrs L Piggolt 15 ran

### FORM FOCUS

MANGO MANILA 2°:3 4th of 32 to L3 Bomba in boncaster 17t, good to soft) handcap on final start last year with SALUTING WALTER (same terms) 3°:1 6th, DOULAB'S IMAGE 13th and NORDIC BRAVE 14th SUPERIOD 41 2nd 12 to Perfola in handcap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start lost you with MAC'S FIGHTER (11th better oft) 57 7th GABBIADINI 6°:1 6th of 24 to High Low in the Lincoln at Doncaster (1m. good)

5	EBF B	ARTLOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O:	£3,028: 5f) (11 runne	rs)
10)		ANCESTRAL DANCER (Inniuw Racing) M Bell 8-11	elit M	_
(9)		CRESTED WAVE (L. Gauco) P Chappie Hyam 8 !1	Paul Eddery	
(8)	2	DEFENCELESS 11 (N Ahamad) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	
11)		DUCHESS DE BELFORT (R Vines) J Berry 8-11	Pat Eddery	
(1)		GRAND DANCER (D Johnson) R Williams 8-11	R Cochrane	_
(7)		HAWAYAH (M Salem) B Hanbury 8 11	W R Swinburn	
(6)		JASMIN ISLE (Newmarket Syndicate)   Camp 11	A Mackay	
(5)		NORTHERN BIRD (J Bradley) B Hills 9-11	. D Holland	
(4)		SIMMERING (Mrs G Wrage) G Wrage 8-11	S Cauthen	
(3)	04	THE WEND 19 (V) (Mrs W Jennings) D Thom 8-11	. J Quinn	_
(2)		ZANY ZANNA IG W Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gor	don 811	_
		ness De Bellori, 4-1 Northern Bird, Delenceless, 5-1 I-1 Grand Dancer, 12-1 Ancestral Dancer, 14-1 others	Hawayah, 11-2 Simmer	ring

### 5.15 WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-Y-O: 65.617: 1m) (21 gamess)

		MOOD DITTOR STAKES (3.1-0. 12) OTT. Hilly (2.1 remiers)	
1	(19)	ALYCIDA (Shekh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 L Dettori	_
2	(12)	BARAHIN (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9.0 W Carson	_
3		BOLD BOSS (O Zawawi) B Hantury 9-0	_
4	(6)	CAMBRIAN (Shokh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery	
5		CONISTON WATER (Sherkin Mohammed) J Gosden 9 D S Cauthen	_
6		GENERAL DIXIE (A Budge (Equate) Ltd) R Hannon 9 0 —	_
7		HIDEYOSHI (Y Akazawa) D Elsworth 9-0 L Piggott	_
8	(18)	FTAKHAAR (Hamdan Al-Mal-tourn) W Hern 9-0 . J Reid	_
	(30)	JATHAAB (Maktourn Al Maktourn) M Stoute 9-0 R Cochrane	
	(10)	KALKO (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Britain 9-0 . —	_
	(17)	MARAADY (Miss H At Maktourn) M Stoute 9-0 R Hill's	_
12	(5)	MUHAYAA (Makiloum Al Makiloum) A Scott 9-0 W.R. Swinburn	_
	(11)	POMPION (Snown Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 . G Hand	_
14	(9)	OUADRANT (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-0 M Hills	
	(15)	ROLLING THE BONES (4 Macdonald Buchanan) J Fanshawe 9-0 . G Carter	_
	(14)	SAHARA SHIELD (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 A Clark	_
	(13)	TURRET GATES (Duke of De onshire) J Toller 9-0 . T Quinn	_
18	(21)	WAFI (Abdullah Ali) 8 Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond	_
	(16)	HIGHLAND FANTASY (A Weller) B Hills 8-9 . D Holland	_
20		IVANA (Cheveley Park Stud) W Jarvis 8-9 A Munro	_
21		VAGRANCY (K Abdulla) 5 Hills 3-9 Pat Eddery	

1991: THAT LL BE THE DAY 6-11 B Raymond (11-8 lav) R Harmon 6 ran

BETTING: 7-2 Baharin, 4-1 Muhayaa, 9-2 Conston Water, 6-1 Pompion, Vagrancy 8-1 Jalhaab, 10-1 Alycida 14-1 Cambrian, 16-1 others 1991: FANMORE 9-0 Pai Eddery (15-8 lav) G Harwood 13 ran

### 4.00 EBF NOVICES HURDLE HANDICAP FINAL (Grade III: £14,420: 2m) (13 runners)

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22:15 CURRENT EXPRESS 36 (D.6) (Lord Matthews) N Henderson 5-12-0

24:15 SAN FERNANDO 28 (D.5) (Mrs S Embinoss) J Giflord 6-11-12

111120 SENDAI 25 (D.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs M Totneth J Giflord 6-11-12

111112 SENDAI 25 (D.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs M Totneth J Giflord 6-11-12

120-601 JAKARROI 41 (D.G.) (R Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-4

121141 SINTTON LANE 25 (D.F.G.S) (H White) J Edwards 6-11-2

135-610 BIBENDUM 13 (D.G.) (R Watey Cohen) R Watey-Cohen 6-10-13

131215 NOBLE INSIGHT 12 (BF.G.) (Rwartaph Roding Ltd) W G M Turner 7-10-8

1332215 NOBLE INSIGHT 12 (BF.G.) (Rwartaph Roding Ltd) W G M Turner 7-10-8

130215 NOBLE INSIGHT 12 (BF.G.) (Rodin Carriors Ltd) M Pop 5-10-0

10-25233 BARDESAN 25 (A Boyd-Rochlor) O Sherwood 6-10-0

2-10011 FLOWING RIVER 30 (D.F.G.) (Mrs M Sah) Mrs M Shri 7-10-0

124-R25 JUMP START 12 (BF.) (S Pike) S Pike 5-10-0

19 handicaps: King's Rairty 9-12. Stripte Pleasure 9

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Long handicap: King's Rainty 9-12, Bardesan 9-12, Flowing River 9-12, Simple Pleasure 9-9, Jump Start 9-4 BETTING: 4-1 Current Express, 6-1 Smitton Line, 7-1 San Fernando, 8-1 Flowing River, Jakarrdi, 10-1 Bardesan, Bibendum, 12-1 King's Rainty, Simple Pleasure, 14-1 The Stater, 16-1 others.

### 1991: POETIC GEM 6-10-0 R Guest (9-2) G Balding 8 ran FORM FOCUS

CURRENT EXPRESS 14'yi 5ih of 17 to Flown in grade I Trafalgar House Supreme Nonce Hurdle over course and distance (good) SAN FERNANDO beal Bean King 21 in 11-runner Worcester (2m, good) with JUMP START ran out 2 out NOBLE INSIGHT beat Capital Sight nowce hurdle earlier Si 2nd of 18 to Mignly Mogul in Towcester (2m, golf) novice hurdle with SENDA1 1's1 2nd of 8 to Theritord Forest in Warwick, 12m 51, 301 novice hurdle JAKARROI beat Sovereign Sound 121 in 16-runner Siratford (2m, good) novice hurdle SNITTON LANE beat Galestrom Jim 16-runner Newbury (2m 41 160yd, good) novice hurdle Mindel SNITTON LANE beat Galestrom Jim 16-runner Newbury (2m 41 160yd, good) novice hurdle with SENDA1 (10th better off) 111

4.35 COOMBE HILL NOVICES CHASE (£3,492: 2m 4f) (7 runners)	
1 046-321 HEY COTTAGE 18 (D.G.S) (J. Singleton) D. McCain 7-11-11	90
2 00-31FU BEECH ROAD 88 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (T Geale) G Balding 10-11-8	
3 166113 BUCK WILLOW 18 (D.F.G.S) (Exors of the late H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-8 D Murphy	BB
4 5030-24 GREENHILL RAFFLES 65 (J Shedden) P Hobbs 6-11-4 . Peter Hobbs	
5 44/PO-SP HEAD LAD 25 IF Lloyd) R Peacock 9-11-4	
6 2P322F MAN ON THE LINE 18 (CD.F.G) (L Randall) R Akehurst 9-11-4. J write	97
7 PP06-3 MIDNIGHT STORY 21 (Mrs D Stemp) Mass H Knight 7:11-4 . J Osborne	62
BETTING: 9-4 Beech Road, 7-2 Midnight Story, 4-1 Hey Cottage, 9-2 Buck Willow, 8-1 Man On The 16-1 Greenfull Raffles, 33-1 Head Load	Line

7981: ANTI MATTER 6-11-4 P Scudamore (6-5 fav) M Pipe 7 ran

### 5.10 EVESHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE

2	.215: 2m)	) (14 runners)		
1	241431	BIGHAYIR 32 (B.D.F.S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 5-11-8 D Rich	mond	86
2	F11	NOBLE YEOMAN 6 (D.S) (R Smrth) R Dickin 8-11-8 D Me	redah	80
3	8162	BALLERINA ROSE 12 (D.G) (F. Rariger) O (News 5.11.3	Leahy	77
4	104351	MISS BOBBY BENNETT 21 (D.F.G.S) (B.Kilmatrick) M.Pine 5-11 3 M.F.	oster (	
5	w	BADBURY PRINCE 42 (C. Cawley) J Vino 6-11 0 R C	lifford	
б	06PPF-6	GENERAL SILKY 44 (W Armitane) & Propherion 7. (1.0)	emev	
7	F-P0	HAM HILL PRINCE 70 (Mrs P Show) A J Wilson 10-11-0. B O'Don		
8	6	NOBLE FELLOW 33 (Racing Thoroughbreds Ptc) P McEntee 5-11-0 P Mc		
ġ	25F000	OUR BILLY BOY 62 (F Bown) Mrs J Wonnacoll 6-11-0 S Dor		
10	580	STEEL CONGRESS 47 (T Prolips) D Moltalt 5-11-0 D J M		71
17	P	TITUS ANDRONICUS 32 (J Belfrage) N Gaselee 5 11-0 D Bridg		
	P/4-PREN	XAFU XAFU 67 (G Wilson) J Webber 6 11-0 W Ma	urston	_
ij	. ,		Hide	
14	•	DEDECHEE EASE OF Married May 10 to 10 0		75
		DERECHEF 532F (R Warren) Mrs J Retter 5-10 9 M A Fitzg	eraid	

### BETTING: 5-2 Yorkshire Gale, 3-1 Noble Yeoman, 4-1 Bighavir, 11-2 Mss Bobby Bennett, 6-1 Ballenna Rose 12-1 Derechof, 16-1 others 1991: SWEET N' TWENTY 5-11-3 M Foster (6-5 lav) M Pipe 14 ran

J,	.4V #	<b>RAUNDY EVE HANDICAP HURDLE</b> (£2,950: 2m) (10 n	inners)	
' 1	1P-5100	ALREEF 39 (D,S) (H Sibley) 1 Thomson Jones 6 11-10 .	. G Rowe (7)	93
2	002S1F	MARINERS MIRROR 12 (D.G.S) (E Prail) M Scudamore 5-11-6	P Scudamore	98
3	134230	MONDAY CLUB 11 (D.F.G) (J Tock) J Tock 8 11 5	S McNett	98
4	3-12114	BARGE BOY 46 (D,BF,F,G) (C House) J Old 8-11-3	. T Grantham	
5	310030	MAGNUS PYM 12 (D,G,S) (R Standbridge) G Balding 7 11-0	R Guest	95
6	401020	FIVE LAMPS 34 (D.G.S) (Mrs C Holder) R Dictum 12-10-3	D Meredith (7)	<b>9</b> 99
7	241422	KNIGHT'S SPUR 30 (D.BF.G) (A Tanani) J Webber 5-10-2 .	M Lynch	96
8	3F1-5F3	TRUISM 12 (D.F) (Mrs k Stuari) Mrs J Rollet 7-10-0	M A Fitzgerald (3)	
9	4-P1206	THREE LAKES 21 (D.F.S) (Mrs M Griffiths) S Griffiths 8-10-0	C Llewellyn	
10	4-011F4	WILL JAMES 44 (B.D.F.G) (C Drewe) C Drowe 6 10-0	l Harvey	80

Long handicap: Trusm 9-13, Three Lakes 9-9, Will James 9-8 BETTING: 9-4 Barge Boy, 7-2 Knight's Spur, 5-1 Magnus Pym, 6-1 Manners Mirror, 8-1 Trusm, 10-1 Monday Club, 12-1 Five Lamps, 16-1 others 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1			COU	RSE SI	PECIALIST	S		
in o	TRAINERS S Gribbins T Thomson Jones M Pipe A Turnell D Barons D Nicholson	Winners 3 4 51 6 17 31	Runners 10 14 234 29 55 162	Per cent 30 0 28 6 21 8 21 4 20.0 19.1	JOCKEYS P Scudamore N Hawto R Guest R Dunwoody N Mann Peter Hoobs	Winners 44 5 6 37 4	Rides 206 26 35 229 25 72	Per cent 21 4 19 2 17 1 16.2 16.0 15 3

back in

familiar

routine

BY ALAN LEE

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE posturing and propa-

ganda that precede every tour

by Pakistan is in fall swine. In

the past week, conflicting re-

ports have emerged as to the

availability of Javed

Miandad, Waqar Younis and

Abdul Qadir to come to Eng-

land. Yesterday, Imran

Khan, the soul and inspira-tion of the World Cup win-

ners, apparently announced

he would not be coming Treat all such scare-

Imran does, assuredly,

have a shoulder complaint

which is reluctant to heat. He

carried it through the World

Cup, bowling sparingly in the

early games, and it may very well prevent him taking a full

As it does not inconve-

nience his increasingly im-

pressive batting, as his

captaincy is paramount, and

as he says this tour is pivotal

to the successful fund-raising

for his cancer hospital project, it is difficult to see.

however, why it should stop

him touring, especially as the

Pakistan selectors still seem to

be under the impression that

been a part of Imran's reper-

toire in dealing with the offi-cialdom of his country. He

enjoys being persuaded, by

the highest available author-

ity, that he is indispensable.

Until and unless that should

fail to occur, he can still be expected at Arundel on May

□ Robin Smith has been

named England's Combill

player of the year, an award

that includes a prize of

£5,000. He has averaged

63.27 in eight Test matches

since the start of last summer.

The judging panel, led by the England manager, Micky

Stewart, praised Smith for his

'attractive batting and out-

standing fielding, his consis-

tent performance with the bat

against a formidable West

Indies attack, and his general attitude on and off the field as

Malcolm

is too

part of the England team".

Brinkmanship has long

he will be on the plane.

mongering with care.

part on the tour.

### Durham are determined to deliver

hese are stirring times in the northeast. Next month, Sunderland play in the FA Cup Final; yesterday, Durham's cricketers began their life as a firstclass county with their match against Oxford University.

On Sunday, Durham step out against Lancashire at Durham University's stunning ground on the bank of the River Wear for their first competitive match. The excitement in the first new first-class county for 71 years

is palpable. No other scorer living can say that he scored his county's first ball in first-class cricket," Brian Hunt, the county's scorer and official stat-istician, said with relish.

"In the autumn of my career, the opportunity to set off on an adventure like this is fantastic," David Graveney, the captain, said.

Graveney may have his work cut out. Among his team of bright-eyed young hopefuls and imported older players will be Ian Botham, who embarks on perhaps the last great challenge of one of the most dazzling careers in British sport.

Botham's arrival lit the fuse when it was announced last summer. The enthusiasm for sport, and for sporting he-roes, is part of life in the

At the moment, as Durham

ргерате new break ground, the office is teeming with bodies. Membership applications pour in, people tickets, ties or Tshirts, and a mands are made on the

chief executive, Mike Gear, and his staff as finishing touches are applied to the grounds, sponsors are kept happy and players organised with cars and housing.

Membership is already 5,000 — even though, at £60. it is one of the highest fees and it puts them behind Essex at the top of the counties without a Test match ground. With Hartlepool, Darlington and Stockton offering only limited capacities, their Sunday League matches have already been made all-ticket.

Such fervour is usually associated with football in the northeast but cricket is much more popular than the hitherto absence of the first- class game would suggest, with a ing from Teesside to Tyneside and offering a quality of club

cricket to match any. Over the years, those grounds have provided a nursery for local talent to almost rival football's Milburns, Charltons and Robsons. From A. E. Stoddart and Cecil Parkin to Colin Milburn, Bob Willis and Peter Willey, Durham has exported some of England's outstanding players to the first-class counties.

**Briers sees** 

benefit

of touring

FENNER'S (first day of three

Cambridge University won toss): Leicestershire have

scored 279 for two wickets

against Cambridge Univer-

ALREADY, this has been an eventful year for Nigel Briers. His pupils at Ludgrove

School, in Berkshire, have included Prince William and

his cricket has taken in lead-

ing MCC to the Leeward Is-

lands. Yesterday he emphasised the benefits of a

pre-season tour by making an

effortless century at Fenner's.

more taxing matches for the

Leicestershire captain over

the coming months. Yet Cambridge University have

seven remaining Blues, one of

. Briers put on 102 with Boon and 106 with

Whitaker, and was only 12

runs short of a century before

lunch. His 120, which included 15 fours, the major-

ity cleanly hit, came from 186

balls. When he was stumped

off Abington, a left arm spin-

ner, this was because he had

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A M Hooper, S S K Dee, "J P Crawley, R M Winght, G E Thwares, M E D Gerrett, †J P Arscott, R M Pearson, S W Johnson, C M Pitcher, M B

Extras (to 6, nb 3) ...

had enough.

them, John Crawley.

There will, of course, be

trepidation in Durham as the first new first-class county for 71 years nears readiness for the 1992-3 season

Peter Ball discovers the excitement and

It is still doing so, and it was frustration at the sight of their sons among a group of nine boys in one year who moved south to join first-class counties that led Mike Weston, the former England rugby union international. and Matt Roseberry to approach Ian Callers, chairman of a large travel agency, who was about to become president of Durham in Novem-

Initially, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), a body not known for enthusiastically embracing new ideas, took some convincing. Even when the initial objections were overcome, the TCCB imposed some stringent conditions, including financial guar-antees. The obstacles were swept aside.

Forty companies have signed as sponsors, bringing in £2 million; the main sponsor, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, is providing a £300,000 three-year contract as well a separate deal with Botham to do public relations

All the work off the field,

'We had to make sure that Ian wanted to come for the right reasons. But he's not someone who's turned on by mediocrity and he couldn't have a bigger challenge than this. We have some pretty strong players here'

> however, will be meaningless without the team being successful on it. That is the province of the highly respected Geoff Cook, who retired two years ago after 20 years with Northamptonshire to return to the northeast to take charge of the cricketing side of Durham's application.

ithout any cricket committee looking over his shoulder, the bane of other counties, Cook had to build a side virtually from scratch. Although Durham had an enrecord over two decades in Minor Counties cricket, translating it into the first-class game was another

course assessing the strength of the local players," Cook said. "First, we looked at the players who were there. For age and other reasons, we decided we could employ only two. John Glendenen and Andy Fothergill, who could slip into the first team." After that, Cook tried out a

huge number of local players for the future. Already Darren Blenkiron, a member of the England Under-19 tour side last winter, and John Wood, a fast bowler of

potential, have made an impact. Others are on the fringe but there was never any doubt that Cook would need to shop around the other counties for a nucleus of experienced pro-

Thus, along came Botham, with Worcestershire agreeing to release him for the last great challenge of his career. Hemmed in by restrictions on approaches to players with other counties, Cook was forced to recruit his experienced players from among the halt, the lame and the bored, and the frustrated or embittered of other counties.

We had literally hundreds of calls from people ringing up to see if there was anything for them at Durham," Cook said. "I could have signed sixty players from the first-

Wayne Larkins, Cook's former opening partner at Northamptonshire, Paul Parker, the Sussex captain last year, and Simon Hughes, from Middlesex, lead Cook's recruits, along with Graveney, Botham and Dean Jones, the Australian whose contract, reportedly around £100,000 for

three years, is being picked up by Tyne Tees Television.

Hughes, more than use ful bowler just short of real pace, left Middlesex frusleft lack of input

dominated by the hard-nosed old professionals, Mike Gatting and John Emburey.

Graveney and Parker, either deposed or asked to step down as captains at their former counties, have travelled to the other end of the country for a fresh start. Graveney, after one year with Somerset "which restored my faith in the game and the people who run it"; Parker, after injury raised a few doubts about his future.
"Nobody arrived here with

a smooth passage," Cook said. "They've all got things to prove to themselves and to others. But not many people leave the first-class game totally happy, unfortunately."
But if Hughes and Parker,

Graveney and Larkins have something to prove to their former counties, the questions about Botham, whose local connections are unassailable, are more fundamental. The answers could determine whether Dur-ham's enterprise is a glorious adventure or a deeply trou-

bled passage. One thing is certain: it will not be uneventful. Even in his decline, no one doubts Botham's ability. As a device for stimulating local interest. and income, his signing has



one great performance in the World Cup — fittingly against Australia, his favourite opponents — had an immediate

His impact on the field and in the dressing-room remains to be seen and his absence from Durham's short preseason practice did not, perhaps, bode well. Somerset found him a difficult asset but his parting from Worcestershire was amicable enough.

"I think he's a more mellow man nowadays, not nearly as contentious as he used to be," Hughes said. "I think he'll colast few years in cricket."

Cook said: "We had to make sure that Ian wanted to come for the right reasons. But he is not someone who is turned on by mediocrity and he couldn't have a bigger

challenge than this.
"I did debate the influence he might exert but we have some pretty strong players here. If anyone, not lan Botham, anyone, is rocking the boat, they will recognise that and pull them into line."

### **Durham open with resolve**

By JACK BAILEY

THE PARKS (first day of three, Oxford University won toss): Durham have scored 119 for no wicket v Oxford University

THE appearance of the first new first-class county since 1921 did not see one of those glorious Parks days. The chill wind and lowering skies gave way to rain at lunchtime, and there was no recovery. But Glendenen and Paul Parker record a century opening stand and remain together for the two hours in which play formed a pleasant background to a flurry of media

activity. When not giving interviews, or posing for a posse of photographers. Dean Jones, hot foot if not fresh from a prodigious :Australian summer, sunblock and lipsalve, sat stoically outside awaiting his turn to bat, earning every

for his one-year contract. There can be no official team photo call until Botham

arrives from wherever, when-

ever, but Durham are taking matters seriously as new boys should. Of those expected to play in the first championship match, only Larkins and Botham are missing from the As it turned out, neither was much missed as

Glendenen and Parker took advantage of a friendly invitation to bat. In the miserable conditions, on a pitch both slow and easy, Jeah, a tail Brisbane-educated Sri Lankan, and Wood, the homegrown old blue, made the batsmen keep their heads down for the hour they bowled in harness.

Jeah had Parker dropped at wide mid-off, on 18, but

penny of the reported 550,000 Durham — or rather Tyne Tees TV — are paying to the front foot, was first to a half-century, his first in the first-class game, despite his 200 against Victoria last year.

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Barcelona blow

Australia has refused to give special treatment to applica-tions for citizenship from five immigrant international weightlifters from Bulgaria and Romania who hoped to compete in the summer's Olympic Games.

### fast in the gloom By PETER BALL

LORD'S (second day of four): Essex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 448 runs behind England A

A £2,000 sponsorship might have convinced the two teams that the season's traditional curtain-raiser was to be taken seriously. It made no impression on that other tradition of the fixture. Appalling weather, a mixture of bad light and rain ended play soon after lunch yesterday.

When play had taken place, it was too cold and gloomy to be enjoyable for anyone but the bowlers with the new ball. Hott claimed his first wicket for two years after missing the whole of last season. Munton quickly showed that he was happier back in English con-ditions and Devon Malcolm. in particular, looked distinctly quick in the gathering gloom. After Pritchard had been rapped on the knuckles, the umpires decided to call it

Earlier, Johnson had gone on to claim the fourth fifty of the England A innings in a stand of 78 with Thorpe, before the new ball arrived to give flott and Pringle some reward, Garnham claiming both batsmen and Cork behind the stumps. When Moxon declared, the wicketkeeper, a useful lower order batsman, was less successful as Gooch's replacement, skying an attempted pull to mid-

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### Marsh is omitted from tour

Melbourne: Australia have dropped their vice-captain, Geoff Marsh, and four other Test players for the tour of Sri Lanka in August Marsh, the fast bowlers,

Damien Martyn, of Western-Australia, the New South Wales all-rounder, Greg Mat-thews, and Tony Dodemaide, of Victoria, in a squad of 13 for the tour. (Reuter)

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West Indies: batting and fielding

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS AS THE rest of the cricket world eagerly awaits South Africa's return to Test-match

bowler, from the West Indies squad. Radio stations and newspa-

Benjamins. Bajans point out,

The selection of the two means that five players from the Leeward Islands are in the West Indies 13. Four are from Antigua, Richardson, the captain. Ambrose and the two Benjamins, together with Arthurton, from Nevis. Local enthusiasts claim that Cummins was the most

successful bowler for West Indies in the World Cup, and he contributed fully in the one-day series with South Africa. Next weekend's match will be only the second time in 27 Tests that West Indies have played at Kensington Oval since 1929-30 that no Barbados fast bowler will be in their side.

South Africa are still con-cerned about Pringle's shoulder-bruising, which could prove to be a strained rib cartilage. Omar Henry, the Cape Coloured left-arm spinner, is struggling with a heavy bout of influenza.

### Resentful Wisden editor delivers Parthian shot

THERE are stirrings of dis-comfort and dissent within the corridors of Lord's this week. The guardians of the game are not unfamiliar with criticism, but when it is written in tablets of stone, in the cricketing bible no less, it is not to be casually dismissed.

Wisden, that perennially sober and same vehicle of record, has this year thundered in severe and judg-mental fashion. The 129th edition of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack\* has plenty to say about the motives and methods of those who administer the English game: little of it is complimentary.

There is a particular rea-son for this. Since John Woodcock handed over the editorship of the good book, Wisden has been in the charge of Graeme Wright. With this week's publication, Wright unex-pectedly announced his resignation, and behind his going was not simply an urge to do something different after 14 years, but also a deep-seated disillusionment with the game.

Wright's final "Notes by the Editor" in parts resem-ble a valedictory v-sign to all within cricket that he resents. The Test and County Cricket Board comes out

badly.
Wright sets the tone for his notes within a passage in praise of Philip Tufnell. He writes: "Yet in some quarters there are those, it seems, who think that the future belongs not to the spin bowler but to the man Alan Lee discovers the cricket bible has fired a broadside at the game's bastions of power

who paints logos on the outfield. In which case. there might not be a place for P. C. R. Tufnell."

The outgoing editor does not like logos. Further, he does not like or accept the role of marketing men who, more than once in recent times, have countermanded the wisdom of cricket committees and dictated their own vision of the

future, one which relies on gimmicks and devices rather than cricketing merit. Wright deplores the way in which the counties over-

turned the projected re-form of the Sunday league last year and one can almost sense him celebrating the consequent withdrawal of sponsorship and the failure of all attempts to locate



oughly endorse his view. He champions the cause of members, whose views, he opines, are repeatedly

ignored within the commit tee room. He further lambasts county committees for blindly refusing to ac-cept a form of champion-ship cricket which would benefit the England team. He is cynical about the im-He is cynical about the im-plementation of recom-mendations by the latest board working party, of which more will be known

Wright condemns the continued first-class status of Oxford and Cambridge universities and, in only slightly lighter vein, voices concern about the schools. He reveals that 78 per cent of the schools that returned forms for the almanack filled them in incorrectly.

Wright, whose job passes now to Matthew Engel, of The Guardian, gives due tributes to Graham Gooch, Micky Stewart and company for the latest revival of England's fortunes, though all the Five Cricketers of the Year were born outside England. Phillip DeFreitas is now an integral part of the England team, but he is joined in this year's hall of fame by two West Indians. Ambrose and Richardson, a South African, Donald, and a Pakistani, Waqar Younis. Four of the five are fast

 Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, published by John Wisden, E21.50 hard-

Bruce Reid and Merv Hughes, the all-rounder, Steve Waugh, and the off spinner, Peter Taylor, have been axed after Australia's disappointing World Cup. The selectors have named

# provokes protest

West Indies squad

play against West Indies on Saturday, there have been calls locally for a boycott of the game. It has nothing to do with the visiting team, but follows the omission of Andy Cummins, the Barbados fast

pers here have been inundated with complaints about the selectors' preference for Kenneth and Winston Benjamin. It typifies the inter-island rivalries that have always been responsible for insular attitudes about West Indian team choices.

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BY ALAN DEL CREAT CORRESPONDING Cruyff calls for crowd to inspire his team

### Barcelona frantic to book their place at Wembley

FOR Barcelona, the European Cup remains an elusive Holy Grail. For all the club's enormous support and extraordinary wealth, it has still failed to win the most prestigious trophy in Europe. Tonight, however, Barça can reach the final for the third time and at least bring the cup within sight of Catalonia.

The visit of Benfica to the Nou Camp stadium will decide whether or not Barcelona take their place in the final at Wembley on May 20. The last instalment of this

season's experimental round robin semi-final stage has left them needing just a draw and the point that goes with it to top semi-final group B. Victory will see them into the final in style; defeat hardly bears thinking about.

It is the biggest game the club has faced since its last appearance in the final in 1986, when Steaua Bucharest held firm to steal a win in a penalty shootout in Seville.

The pressure has been rising remorselessly and it prob-ably contributed to Barça's tempestuous weekend visit to Valencia, when five red cards

the course of their 1-0 defeat. That reverse was symptom-

atic of a spell of inconsistent league form and behind-thescenes wrangles between Johann Cruyff, the club's out-spoken coach, and José Luis Nunez, its president, that have raised doubts in sup-

Indeed, so widespread are they, that yesterday Crayff felt the need to plead with those supporters to fill the 115,000capacity stadium and get behind his team - strange conduct for a club that boasts as huge a following as Barcelona.

"The match is of unparal-leled importance," he said.
"That must be enough to bring the supporters in." His assistant, Carlos Rexach, warmed to the theme: "For a play to be a total success, the actors need to see the theatre full. This is what's got to happen on Wednesday. The crowd have to liven up the players and they the crowd."

Barcelona may need their crowd. Benfica are the side in form in the group and, if they win and Sparta Prague slip up against Dynamo Kiev (which appears unlikely), they

### Little transforms Leicester's aims

By Louise Taylor

WHILE Blackburn Rovers and Derby County have invested millions in the hope of purchasing a Premier League place. Leicester City are in profit on transfer market dealings this year.

Despite having sold Paul Kitson to Derby for £1.3 mil-lion. Brian Little's side hasimproved to the point where most rivals are tipping itto dash the promotion hopes of Middlesbrough, Cam-bridge United and Blackburn by joining ipswich Town in avoiding the play-offs.

Such suggestions can be inforced with a win at home to Tranmere Rovers tonight when Filbert Street is expected to attract a crowd of close on 20,000. A year ago those supporters were fearing relegation to the third division. but Little's arrival from Darlington in the summer has prompted a remarkable

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As Denis Smith, the Bristol City manager said: "Brian has turned Leicester into a hard, disciplined, organised and resilient side. I think they will be promoted this season. Little's secret is that he has got Leicester playing as a team. The loss of Tony James,

their best defender with a

broken leg earlier in the sea-

son, could have removed any Premier League hopes but his absence has been overcome.

The best has been brought out of players like Gary Mills and David Oldfield, a revelation since his move from attack to midfield. Little has Leicester playing a more direct, no nonsense brand of football than that

practised under David Pleat, his predecessor. If they go up it will be a tribute not only to Little's tactical know how and transfer market acumen, but, above all, to his man management.

earn automatic promotion but after Monday night's unscheduled 1-0 defeat at home to Barnsley, only their second of the season in the League at Avresome Park, nothing less than victory will do on Teesside against an Oxford United side who stand a strong chance of escaping the relega-

Their fellow demotion contenders, Brighton, need to beat Derby County at the Goldstone Ground, where County want three points for the opposite reason. Port Vale's cause could look hopeless should they be sunk by Southend United at Roots

will play in their second final

The 1-0 defeat by AC Milan in 1990 still rankles in Lisbon. However, the absence, through suspension, of the midfield player, Jonas Thern, will worry Sven Göran Eriksson, the Benfica coach, for the Swede has, with Sergei Yuran, from Ukraine, been their outstanding figure this

Group A is far more clearcut with Sampdoria — ironically the club Eriksson is set to move to next season needing only to draw with Panathinaikos in Genoa to secure their place in the final. The loss of Vierchowod, Bonetti and Lombardo to suspension and Cerezo, the Brazilian, to injury should not hamper the Italian champions unduly.

Their present coach, Vujadin Boskov, is certainly confident and yesterday was ready to predict the probable final: "Will it be Barcelona against Sampdoria? At the moment, I would say yes because we are both leading our groups and are playing our last games at home," he said. If Boskov is right, Sampdoria will have a score to settle. Barcelona beat them 2-0 in the final of the Cup Winners' Cup in 1989.

Red Star Belgrade, the champions, whose chance of defending their crown at Wembley all but vanished after a 3-1 defeat by the Italians a formight ago, will hope Sampdoria slip up while they can win at Anderiecht.

Although tension may prevail in the European Cup, the Uefa Cup should offer plenty of entertainment. In Amsterdam, Genoa are hoping to overturn a 3-2 deficit against Ajax with Osvaldo Bagnoli, their coach, ordering his players to push forward, reasoning "we have nothing to lose and all to gain".

Torino are in similarly posi-tive mood for the second leg of their semi-final with Real Madrid. Trailing 2-1, they have a real chance of edging Real out of the final with both Scifo and Martin Vasquez, a former Madrid favourite, in

French hopes of a first success in Europe rest with AS Monaco in the Cup Winners' Cup. Held to a 1-1 draw by Feyenoord in the first leg, they must travel to Rotterdam and breach one of the most miserly defences on the

The probable absence of De Wolf from the Dutch lineup will help their cause no end, however. Awaiting the winners in the final will be either Bruges or Werder Bremen who meet in Germany with the Belgians defending a



Fitting reward: Paul Dixon, above, was named the young British player of the year yesterday. Dixon, aged 18, is the seventh winner of this annual award and, as usual. it means he will spend two weeks next September at the training camp of the Calgary Flames of the National Hockey League (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Dixon, born and bred in Durham, joined

Humberside Seahawks at the beginning of this season having been in the Durham organisation since he first played at the age

The highlight of his career has been being part of the Durham Wasps team that

completed the grand slam when winning the Heineken championship final at Wem-

bley last April.

He was selected for the Great Britain
Under-21 side earlier this year, but work commitments forced him to miss the trip to Italy for Pool C of the world junior championships. However, nothing will prevent his going to Calgary in September, although his selection has come as a great

surprise to him.
"I did not expect it," he said, "but I am really looking forward to it. It is the chance of a lifetime to see the style of Canadians and how they play at the highest level."

### Bracknell seal league place

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

next Monday afternoon.

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FOR THE RECORD

Humberside.

MOST of the promotion and relegation issues decided at the weekend were negative rather than positive ones.

Humberside Seahawks and Billingham Bombers will not be at Wembley for the Heineken championships; Streatham Redskins, Blackburn Blackhawks and Livingston Kings will not gain entry to the first division of the Heineken League.

On the other . hand, Bracknell Bees, with an away win over Slough Jets and a home draw with Swindon Wildcats, ensured that they will once again be in the premier division next season. Of the Wembley candi-

dates, Nottingham Panthers cidents involving their supand Durham Wasps continue porters at Milton Keynes, to look the likeliest to qualify. £2,000 of which will be suspended until the end of next but the other two semi-finalists might not be known until season pending good the last quarter-final has been behaviour. played, between Whitley

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Terhord Nations 9, Colled City Stars 5 Warriors and Cardiff Devils Norwich and Peterborough Pirates suffered their first play-off defeat - 11-5 at Durham - but are still likely to be at Wembley as Murrayfield Racers face a tough weekend with games against Durham and Fife Flyers have been fined £2.500 by the British Ice

**SPORTS POLITICS** 

### **US Olympic body** shudders under two controversies

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Committee (USOC), dismayed by the enforced resignation last December of Robert Helmick, its president and an IOC vice-president, has suffered two further controversies within two individual federations - athletics and softball.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Softball is a "recognised" sport that is popular in America and attempting to gain Olympic entry. The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) was found to have withheld money granted to it by the USOC on request for specific

programmes.
Olian Cassell, the executive director of the TAC, the national athletics body, since its foundation in 1978, survived a vote of confidence at the weekend by only one vote.

The TAC, holding a secret ballot on whether to exercise the option to renew Cassell's contract, which expires next March, decided by ten votes to nine to delay the decision. There were two members of the executive committee absent who might have turned

the decision the other way. Those pressing for termination of Cassell's contract consider that he has been autocratic and secretive, has lacked vision to carry the TAC through to the centenary Games to be staged here in four years' time and that he

THE United States Olympic has failed to generate enthusiasm about sponsors, notably

The matter will be put to the vote again at the TAC meeting in New Orleans at the time of the Olympic trials in June.

Cassell is said to have been telling his colleagues before the vote that he wished to remain another year, in order "to become the next IOC member for the United States".

Insider information suggests that this is the remotest

possibility.

The Softball Association is having to return \$115,000 in grants, including \$20,000 for specific payment to creditors, that had been requested and not used.

As a consequence. Don Porter, the executive director of the ASA, has resigned from the Essex Committee of USOC established by William Hybl, following the Helmick scandal.

Porter says, none the less: "I do not feel that ASA was

negligent in any way."
But Frank Taylor, the head of the ASA finance committee, said: "I think we lied we took \$20,000 and never gave it to anybody.

Harvey Schiller, the USOC's executive director, is to appoint an auditor to monitor grants to federations.

**BOXING** 

### Williams shapes up well for Lewis

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

DEREK Williams, the Commonwealth heavyweight champion, who has been spending the last six weeks at Angelo Dundee's finishing school, is shaping up well for his triple championship with Lennox Lewis on April 30, but Dundee was unable to say if his charge had picked up enough to relieve Lewis of the British and European titles.

Dundee, speaking to journalists yesterday from Miami said: "The trouble is he is inexperienced, having only ten amateur fights. It takes time to get everything together. I am not trying to change his style. I am just getting the best he's got out of him, doing what I feel is the best way to offset Lennox Lewis, making him believe in himself. "He's got talent and I am

working on a few moves. There is more to Williams than you have seen before. There are things the kid's got that he thought he never had. He's not so rigid, he's jabbing well and I've got him

Teaching Williams move could prove easier than putting steel in his heart. His manager, Frank Warren. said: "I sent Williams to Dundee to motivate him. Angelo is the greatest motivator. Williams will need a little

But Dundee realises he will have to do more than simply scrub him along on the night.
"I have worked with underdogs before and he's canable of causing an upset. But I am bringing my shillelagh along," Dundee said. "And if necessary I will use it. But you know a trainer is only as good as the guy on the stool."

A new prospect, Hussain Shah, of Pakistan, has joined the exciting British super-middleweight ranks. He is the first Pakistani to have turned professional in Britain and will make his debut on the Lewis-Williams bill.

Shah, aged 28, won 95 of his hundred amateur bouts, a bronze medal in the Seoul Olympic Games and a gold in the President Cup in Bangkok. He was introduced to the Lewis team by Jahangir Khan, the squash rackets champions.

### IN BRIEF **Davies set** for Neath

Leighton Davies, the former Maesteg coach, is ready to take over when Glen Ball steps down as team manager of Neath, last season's Heineken League rugby champions, next month.

Davies, who resigned as coach at the first division strugglers, Maesteg, last month after a dispute with the committee, said: "I have been talking to Neath and I have been linked with the

### Gomer injured Tennis: Sara Gomer was

forced to retire with an arm injury from the women's final in the LTA British tour tournament at Sunderland, while leading a fellow-Devon player. Valda Lake, 6-5 in the first

### Ban lifted

Athletics: A four-year ban on the American athlete, Delisa Floyd, for alleged doping at the Tokyo world championships in 1991, has been lifted.

### Ashley defends

Boxing: Crawford Ashley, the British light-heavyweight champion, defends against Glazz Campbell, the southern area holder, in Belfast on April 25.

### Lejarreta retires

Cycling: Marino Lejarreta, of Spain, has been forced to retire from the sport because of injuries sustained in a crash during a race at the

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Pregue 3, Dukia Baneska Bystrica 2.
Monday's later results
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:
Chelses 0, Brighton D; Watlord 2,
Swindon 0.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
division: Everton 3, Sheffield United 2;
Manchester United 0, Nottlingham Forcesi
1: Rotherham 1, Sheffield Wednesdey 2,
Second division: Oldham 5, Huli 1;
Presston 1, York 0; Stoke 3, Mansfield 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Pramier division:
Chesham 1, Sutton 0. Second division:
Curzon Ashton 2, Gusseley 2.
BIRMINGHAM SENIOR CUP; Final:
Birmingham City 0, VS Rugby 3,
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST
LEAGUE: Premier Division: North
Shelds 2, Thackley 1,
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division:
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Westdatone 2, Colchester 0; Wokingham 0, Sutton Urid 1.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 6, Hartford Whalers 3: New Jersey Devils 5, Pitteburgh Penguins 1: Philadel-phis Flyers 6, Toronto Meple Leats 2: New York Islanders 1, Washington Capitals 1 (01)

### **REAL TENNIS** HOLYPORT: J D Ward National League: Final: Petworth bit North Oxford BMW. 2-1 (C Bray bt L Deuchar, D-6, 6-2, 4-6, A Philippe ti S Romaldson, 6-5, 6-3; N Pendngh bi A Cliver, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3). QUEEN'S CLUB: George Wimpey Brit-sha marteur champlonalip: First round: N Pendngh bt B Clive, 6-3, 6-2, 6-5.

BOWLS

# ELY: International masters: First round: A Alcock (Bentham) bit R Hart (Essex County), 95, 3-9, 95. A Essy (Ely) bit S Leader ISt Neots), 4-9, 98, 9-6; N Duff (Huf) bit D Hott (Blackpool Borough), 9-5, 9-5, G Hartow (Ely) bit D Comwell (Ely), 9-4, 9-8, W Richards (Cambridge Park, Twickenham) bit D Le Merquand (Jersey), 9-7, 9-5, K King (Ely) bit E Cammack (Boston), 9-2, 5-9, 9-8, J Ottawny (Mymordham Dell) bit McIntensite (Ely), 6-9, 9-5, 9-8, 1 McWhimney (Ely) bit A Wyest (Ipswich), 9-1, 9-1, Cuarter-finals: Alcock bit Easy, 9-5, 9-2, King bit Richards, 8-9, 9-8, 9-2; Nariow bit Duff, 6-9, 9-2, 9-3, Ottaway bit McWhimney, 9-4, 9-4 BLACK/POOL: Wisterloo Spring Tournament: Second-round winners: A Heaton (Si Helens), R Burgess (Adlington), A Pyle (Si Ames), D Richardson (Wigan), J Coupe, S Coupe and M Coupe (all Walton to Dale), P White and A White (both Swinton), P Parkinson (Bamber Bindge), Amurry (Partington).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jersey Nets 110, Orlando Magic 104; Chicago Bute 100, Atlanta Hewis 93; Utah Jazz 138, Golden State Warnors 99; Los Angeles Lakers 100, Denver Nuggets 03

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: Pfitington Glass Europeen
Championships: Group 1: Sub-Group
A: CIS bt Nethertands, 3-2: Denmark bt
CIS, 5-0; Denmark bt Nethertands, 4-1.
Sub-Group B: Sweden bt England, 3-2
(England names first): Ment: 3 Butter lost
to P Aucleson, 16-17, 13-18; A Goode and
D Wright lost to S Oxterberg and J-E
Antonsson, 5-15, 14-17. Women: H Troke
bt C Megnusson, 11-3, 12-10: 3 Sankey
and G Gowers bt C Bengtisson and M
Bengtisson, 15-11, 15-7 Mixed: N Ponting
and Gowers lost to P-G Jonsson and M
Bengtisson, 15-15, 15-England bt Sociland, 4-1 (Scotland names first): Women:
A Gibson lost to S Louis, 11-5, B-11, 2-11;
J Alan and E Allen lost to G Clark and J
Bractbury, 11-15, 14-17. Men: K Scotl fost
to S Butler, 4-15, 15-11, 10-15; Mixidlemiss
and R Hoog bt A Goode and D Wright, 1815, 11-15, 15-4. Mixed: K Mixidlemiss
and E Allen lost to N Ponting and G Gowers, 615, 6-16; Sweden bt Scotland, 5-0 Group
2: Sub-Group C: Germany bt Finland, 41; Finland bt Weise, 4-1, Germany bt
Walse, 5-0. Sub-Group D: Norway, 3-2;
Poland bt Ireland, 3-2 Group 3: SubGroup E: Czechostowakia bt Butjaarie, 32: Czechostowakia bt Butjaarie, 32: Czechostowakia bt Butjaarie, 32: Sub-Group F: Isoland bt Auslins, 5-0; Franca
bt Iceland, 3-2 Group 4: Sub-Group E: Spain bt Cypne, 5-0; Hungary bt Spain, 32: Sub-Group H: Portugal bt Italy, 4-1;
Switzerland bt Italy, 5-0.

BOXING

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GATESHEAD: George Wimpey ABA
sami-finals, England v Scotland: Lightflyweight: L Woodcock (Royal Navy) bt S
Robertson (Lanark Weifare), wo. Pry.
Knox (Bornyrigg) bt S Parry (LamblogSt), pts. Barttem: M Aldra (Crawley) wo J
Murray (Royal Abart), scr. Feather: M
Ward (Newto Repton) bt C Meluco
(Calton), pts. Light: D Amory (Kingshurst)
bt M Goware (Selarki, pts. Light: weifar:
D McCarnot, (Boarshaw) bt S McLevy
(Chydeview), pts. Weifar: M Samtru
(Birmingham Cry) bt A Craig (Abordeen),
retci 3rd md Light-midder: G Calley
(Emphre) bt J Townetey (Cleiand Miners),
pts. Middle: J Connelly (Renton) to.
Role (Moes Sole), 3rd Light-heavy: P
Rogera (Pertvill) pt W Cane (Four Isles),
rsc 2nd. Haavy: S Weich (Hove) bt A
Cauffield (St Francis), pts. Super-heavy:
M Hopper (Spennymoor) bt C Brown
(Gartcosh), pts.

### BADMINTON

BASKETBALL 43. EUROPEAN CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Parizan Belgrade (Yug) 82. Philips Milan (II) 75 (in Istanbul)

PRE-SEASON MATCH: The Parks (50 overs): Middlesex 234.4 (K R Brown 70, M W Gatting 58, P N Weekes 52 not out); Oxford University 120.2: Middlesex won by 114 runs.

GOLF

WEST HILL: Father and Sons Foursomes: Second round: J Baldwin (Tandridge) and A J Baldwin (East Berks) 
bt F W R and T C Stocks (St George's 
Hill). 2 and 1: W A Tait (North Wilts) and N J Tait (Mariborough) bt G and A J 
Gilespie (Worpleadon), 19th; R S and S J 
Cox. (Burnham Beaches) bt P E Rood (Walay) and T C B Rood (Burhill). 7 and 6, 
J A and R Piggott (West Madelesex) bt J D 
and K M Younghusband (Hayling). 5 and 4, 
B E and A N Prince (West Hall) bt D P 
Home (Royal Porthcawl) and A D Home (Beassiad). 4 and 3, D H and A D J 
Greenheigh (Royal Mid Surrey) bt J B C 
and W B Atkinson (Bishop's Startiord). 2 
hoise: A C and J A Stapleton (Gerrards 
Cross) bt B and J Smart (Guidford). 8 and 
5; E D Bond (Hamkley Common) and D C 
Bond (Wentworth) bt I F M Hine (St 
Enodoc) and J P Hine (Binstol and Citton), 3 and 1; T W G and R Beits (Marvings 
Heath) bt P E Story (Mallion) and D P 
Story (Liphook), 19th; V F Davis (Wyke 
Green) and M V Davis (Sudbury) bt H A 
and T P Mote (West Sussex), 4 and 3, P J 
R and A W Baiturst (Hamkley Common) bt J T and J M H Green (RAC), 3 and 2; K S 
and M J MacLean (Thankley Common) bt J 
J and J R H Green (RaC), 3 and 2; K S 
and M J MacLean (Thankley Common) bt J 
J and J R Lavelle (Barkshriet) bt D and A D 
Knill-Jones (Banstead Downe), 4 and 3, I 
went A R W Bront (Reyal West Nortols) bt G 

Knill-Jones (Banstead Downe), 4 and 3, I 
went A R W Bront (Reyal West Nortols) bt G Knill-Jones (Bansteed Downs), 4 and 3, W and A R W Boyd (Berkshire) bt D F F and T M R Lord (Northamptonshire and T M R Lord (Northamptonship County), 3 and 2: M T C and T C Waugh (Walton Heath) bl D I Stirk (Royal North

Devon) and G C Sturk (Seunton), 20th; J D and P Nash (Betchworth Pk) bi I N and A I MacLaren (Noide Pk), 7 and 6; R G and M A Newman (Coombe Hill) bi P J R and E R Webb (Waiton Heath), 20th; B White (Hatch Wood) and I A D White (South Herts) bi W T Shiels (Strafford-on-Avon) and I.A J Shiels (Copt Heath), 2 and 1; J V and P M Tedder (West Hill) bi S R and R T Werm (Prinner Hill), 3 and 2; S A E and C S G Staveley (Hunstanton) bi G A and G A C Hovil (West Susean), 19th, D J and D R Baxter (Hotime Hall) bi C and D Clark (Royal Blackheath), 1 hole; R W and I B Attoe (Worplesdon) w S D and K J Bowyer (Moor Town), scr; J Niven (Newbury and Crookham) and A J Niven (RC Portsmouth) bit B and M Sharp (Bramley), 1 hole; C E and R E Pearce (Reigate Heath) bit E J Farmer (Royal Easibourne) and M Farmer (North Hanits), 1 hole; D P A and J A Cox (Sunnangdiale) bi J S and A S Glabert (Burnil), 19th, D W and T G SyAss (Easi Devon) bit BE and M D Joseph (Glamorganshire), 3 and 2, R G and S Smith (Survivon) bit P W S and G P Boult (Cruslehurst), 5 and 5, A S and J W Cronk (Wallon Heath) bit M S and A Shwer (Easibourne), 2 and 1, E R and V R Bailes (Stoke Popes) bit R C and S C Stowney (Hosting) and J F Apbetrombie (Highgaie) bit D M and W K Lawrig (Dyke), 2 and 1: M Lawson (Hockley) bit G and J Fletcher (Royal St George's), 3 and 2.

SPEEDWAY GOLO CUP: First division: Reading 48. Poole 42. Woiverhampton 45. Belle Vue 45. Postponed: Second division: Milton Keynes v Milderhal/

### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated Parciays League Second division Brighton v Derby (7.45) ...... Leicester v Tranmere (7.45) ...... Middlesbrough v Oxford Utd...... Southend v Port Vale (7.45) ...... Autoglass Trophy

Final, second leg First-leg score in brackets Southern Section Final, second leg Peterborough (3) v Stoke (3)... (all ticket)

Northern Section

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final series: Anderlecht (Bel) v Red Star Beigrade (Yug), Sempdoria (It) v Panathinalios (Gr); Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) v Sparia

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### Prague (Cz), Barcelona (Sp) v Benlica (Por) CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finals, second leg (first-leg score er brackets) Feyenoord (Neth) (1) v Monaco (Fr) (1). Werder Bremen (Ger) (0) v Cub Brugge (Bel) (1)

(Sei) (1)
UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, second leg:
Asia Amsterdam (Neth) (3) v Genoa (f)
(2): Torino (ii) (1) v Real Madrid (Sp) (2)
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division:
Challem u Macardi.

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Bishop Auckland v Morecambe, Emiley v Matlock, First division: Radcitte Borough v Warksop BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby Town v Halesowen (7.45). PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barrsiey v Sheffleid Wed (7.0), Bradford v Sheffleid Uid, Leeds v Manchester Cny (7.0), Newcastle v Bolton (7.0). Postponed: Sunderland v Liverpool Second division: Coham v Bisckpool (7.0), Sunithorpe v Gransby (7.0); Wolverhampton v Hudderstield (7.0). NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Futham v Luton (20). Oxford Uld v Ipswich; Swinden v Chelsea (2.0), Wal-ford v Crystel Palace JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard v Brantham Athlebe: Stowmerket v Wisbech

Heineken Welsh League First division Newbridge v Newport (7 15) ...

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OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY: Second division Gold Cup: Long Easton v Peterbarough (7 30).

TENNIS

ATHENS: Federation Cup
Europe/Africa group A: South Africa bi
Luxembourg. 3-0
HONG KONG: Men's tournament: First
round: J Courier (US) bt P Kühnen (Gen),
7-5, 6-4: M Chang (US) bt G Connell (Can),
7-5, 6-4: M Chang (US) bt G Connell (Can),
3-6, 7-5, 6-3, W Masur (Aus) bt P Haarhuse
(Neith), 5-3, 8-2, J Semennin, (Neith) bt G
Pozz (H), 5-4, 1-0 retd, B Steven (NZ) bt A
Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 6-1, B Karbecher (Gen)
bt S Youl (Aus), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, M Schapers
(Neith) bt G Rusedstu (Can), 6-4, 8-4, K
Curren (US) bt A Thoms (Gen), 6-4, 7-5; G
Muller (SA) bt C Secsanu (Gen), 5-3, 3-6, 6-2,
T Woodbridge (Aus) bt M Zoecke (Gen), 6-7, 7-6, 6-2
NICE: Men's tournament: First round: R

7, 7-6, 6-2

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Gilbert (Fr) bit C Plotine (Fr), 6-2, 6-3; F
Clavet (Spit bit J Oncars (Br), 6-4, 2-6, 6-1;
O Delatric (Fr) bit B Grog (Swel, 7-5, 6-2, M
Rosset (Switz) bit C Menassi (Arg), 7-5; J
Sårichez (Sp) bit M', Ecevermans
(Neth), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, G Forget (Fr) bit L
Nemecek (C2), 6-4, 6-3; H Leconte (Fr) bit
B Wuyl's (Bell), 6-1, 2-6, 6-7-6, G
Markus (Arg) bit J Arese (Spit 6-4, 6-2; G
Lopez (Spit bit A Beetsch (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; G
Sampras (US) bit M Jatte (Arg), 2-6, 7-5, 6-3

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TAMPA, Florida: men's tournament
First round: C Mezzadn (Switz) bit P
Korda (Cz), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, J Yzaga (Peru) bit
Matter (Br), 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, T Witshen (US)
bit J Tarango (US), 7-6, 7-5; B Shelton (US)
bit P Arraya (Poru), 7-5, 6-4, M Streiba (Cz)
bit J Frana (Arg), 6-3, 6-4, T Martin (US) bit

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SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL: 18 group: England v Ireland (Bedford, 6 0) Tetley Bitter Challenge LORD'S: England A v Essex

FENNER'S: Cambridge University THE PARKS: Owlord University Durham

BADMINTON: European championships Individual events (Glesgow)

TABLE TENNIS

STUTTGART: European team champlonships: Men: Group A: Sweden by England 4-3 (England names first): Chen xinhus lost to J Waldner, 16-21, 9-21, C. Prean bt P Carlsson, 2-16, 11-21, 21-16: M Syed bt M Appelgren, 15-21, 21-16; 23-21, Prean and A Cooke lost to Waldner, 9-21, 18-21, Syed bt Carlsson, 19-21, 21-19, 21-12, Chen lost to Waldner, 9-21, 18-21, Syed bt Carlsson, 19-21, 21-19, 21-12, Chen lost to Applegren, 21-16, 22-20 Sweden bt Germany, 4-3, Austris bt Netherlands, 4-1, Hungary bt Denmark, 4-2 Group B: Belgium bt Yuppalevia, 4-2; Crecht-blowshie bt CS, 4-2; France bt Germany, 4-1 Group C: Spam bi Bulgaria, 4-2; Ireland bt Portugal, 4-1; Lativa bt Lechtenstein, 4-1 Group C: Spam bi Bulgaria, 4-2; Ireland bt Portugal, 4-1; Lativa bt Lechtenstein, 4-0 Group E: Turkey bt Scottend, 4-0, Switzerland bt Iceland, 4-0, Estona bt Malta, 4-0 Group E: Turkey bt Firstond, 4-3; Lucembourg, 4-1, Turkey bt Firstond, 4-3; Lucembourg, 4-1, Turkey bt Firstond, 4-3; Lucembourg, 4-1, Turkey bt Firstond, 4-3; Croetia bt Quernsey, 4-0 Group F: Croetia bt Wales, 4-1, Greec bt Wales, 4-1, Greec bt Wales, 4-1, Greec bt Wales, 4-1, Greec bt Wales, 4-1, Greec bt Wales, 4-1; Green bt Gatten and Elot, 21-13, 21-18, Prean lost to Gatten and Elot, 21-13, 21-18, Prean lost to Gatten and Elot, 21-13, 21-18, Prean lost to Gatten, 7-21, 15-21; Chen bt Mommesson, 21-15, 21-15, Sweden hames first) J Persson bt J Persson, 21-15, 21-11, 21-19; J-O Waldner bt J Posskopt, 21-20, 21-14 Playdrist: Group D: Group F: Group F: Group F: Croesie bt Bulgaria, 4-1 Group F: Croesie bt Ireland, 4-1, Group C: Croass bt Bulgaria, 4-1 Group F: Grou

Wother: Group B; England bt Germany 3-0 (England names first): A Gordon bi E Schall, 21-17, 24-22, Lotras bi O Nemes, 15-21, 21-19, 21-16, Lotras and A Holt bi Schall and N Struse, 24-22, 22-24, 21-18, Hungary bit Czechslovalda, 3-0 Group G Lativa bi Iretand 3-1 Semi-finals: Romania bi Yugoslavis 3-2; Nefferiands bi CIS 3-0 Pay-offs: Group B (5-8) Germany bi Czechoslovalka, 3-0 Group C (21-21). Germany bi Czechoslovalua, 3-0
Group C (9-12) Sweden bi Bulgaria, 3-0, France bi Belgum, 3-1; Sweden bi France, 3-2. Belgium bi Bulgaria, 3-1
Group D (13-16) Italy bi Slovenia, 3-1, Croatia bi Potand, 3-0; Slovenia bi Potand, 3-2 Group E (17-20) Dermark bi Span, 3-1; Austina bi Lintuania, 3-1, Lintuania bi Span, 3-1 Group F (21-24) Greece bi Scotland, 2-1, Finland bi Switzerland, 3-0; Scotland bi Switzerland, 3-0 Group G (25-28); Lithuania bi Feland, 3-1; Luxembourg bi Norway, 3-0. Norway bi Ireland, 3-1; Group H (25-22); Straet bi Portugal, 3-1; Wales bi Israet, 3-2, Israet bi Portugal, 3-0 Group J: Turkey bi Cyprus, 3-0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 3. St Louis Cardinals 2, Cinomnati Reds 5, Atlanta Braves 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3, New York Mels 2, Houston Astros 8, Loo Angeles Dodgers 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Delirort Tigers 7. Cleveland Indians 5, New York Yankoee 5, Toronto Blue Jays 2 Baltimore Onoles 8. Boston Red Sox 6, Oaktend A's 6, Kansas, City Royals 1. Checago White Sox 1. Seattle Marmers 0, California Angels 3. Taxas Rangers 0



The Stella Artois Championships at The Queen's Club 8th-14th June 1992 Owing to the cancellation of corporate hospitality on by overseas clients, a limited number of private boxes, direct from the event organisers, have become available For information ring Rosemary Pringle

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 15 1992

Football authorities look for alternatives

### Fifa takes steps to resolve penalty problem

By STUART JONES. FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOOTBALL is ready to end the nonsense of the penalty shoot-out. That will be of no consolation to Portsmouth, after their FA Cup semi-final defeat by Liverpool on penalties, but Fifa is taking steps to review the controversial law.

The world's governing body will be advised to examine sudden death as a fairer means of ending cup replays in extra time.

In response to complaints submitted after the World Cup in Italy in 1990, when England suffered the same cruel fate as did Portsmouth in Monday night's FA Cup semi final replay. Fifa formed

Its specific duty was to study ways in which the game might be improved.

The group, known as FIFA 2000 met in Zurich last month and agreed that they should recommend the alternative method.

The prime mover behind the proposal was Michel Platini, the France manager who experienced the pain of losing a World Cup semi-final on penalties when he was the cantain in 1982.

LIVERPOOL and Sunder-

land will have four hours to

resolve their FA Cup final or

face a penalty shoot-out. Foot-

ball Association officials will

to settle the season's Wembley

showpiece if the clubs are still

deadlocked after extra-time

in the first replay on May 14.

firmed today, comes despite

the criticism following the de-

batable manner of Ports-

mouth's exit in the penalty

shoot-out at the end of Mon-

day's semi-final replay at Villa

Park. The FA has been pre-

pared to employ a penalty

shoot-out after one replay at

This decision, to be con-

Graham Kelly, the Football Association's chief executive, and a fellow member of Fifa 2000, supports the principle especially after seeing for himself Liverpool's hollow

victory at Villa Park. Yet he is not convinced that sudden death, with all its inherent logistical difficulties, would be either practical or necessarily more authentic.

They were all so tired last night that I'm not sure they would have scored by mid-night," he said yesterday.

At least neither side could be accused of playing for penalties as was the case in last season's miserably negative European Cup final between Red Star Belgrade, the winners eventually on penalties, and Marseilles.

"Some coaches play for a draw and hope to nick it on penalties," Kelly said.

"One of the reasons for sudden death would be to make teams play until they do score but it might not prove as simple as that. People might miss the last bus home.

The shoot-out may not be ideal but it is probably the best system devised so far. People come up with all sorts of ideas, such as counting the number of corners, but that is artificial. Penalties are at

England's involvement in

this summer's European championship finals in Swe-

den ruled out any likelihood

of the Cup Final going to a

blame "fixture congestion"

are the only acceptable alter-

native to unlimited replays.

"Penalties are a football skill

and you know you will have

an outcome," the FA spokes-

man, David Bloomfield, said:

"At least we have one replay

and a total of four hours to

divide the teams whereas

World Cup and European

games have penalties after

extra-time in the first match."

Under Fifa rules, penalties

for the decision.

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Scottish pupil win the coveted

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United and Manchester United - the directive covered the first round up to and including the quarter-final. "There are so many bits Final replay could and pieces to be put in place before the final that we needed an outcome sooner rather go to penalties

than later," an FA spokesman said. The FA, who must comply with the wishes of the local police, could not find sufficient room for a third match. Fixture congestion thus fa-

voured Liverpool, who won

least part of the game and not

difference on Monday anyway, both Liverpool and

Portsmouth gained seven cor-ners. Even if bookings and

dismissals had been taken

into account, as in the recent

rugby union World Cup, the

balance would still have been

even. No names were taken at

Villa Park.
"I have every sympathy with Portsmouth," Kelly said.
"There has to be a loser but

we have to find a way of ending matches somehow."

Portsmouth, though, will rue the timing of the general

election, which effectively de-

scheduled for last Wednes-

day, was postponed because

the West Midlands police in-

sisted that they would be un-

able to provide adequate

security on the even of the

Although penalties were in-

troduced this season - to the

cost earlier in the competition

of Scunthorpe United, Col-

chester United, Newcastle

The replay, originally

nied them another chance.

"It would have made no

the European Cup on penalties in Rome eight years ago Their comparatively experienced nerves held again but, should the final against Sunderland on May 9 and the replay be equally indecisive. they will once more have to endure football's version of

Russian roulette. Fifa's machinery grinds so slowly that next season's FA Cup will feature the same dreaded finishes. For the rule to be changed, the proposal must be approved first by the governing body's executive committee and then by the international board, which is unlikely to discuss the matter

until May next year. Even if the FA was tempted to experiment with a new system, it could not legitimately do so. Permission must be granted by Fifa before any domestic cup-tie can be decided other than by the accepted means, by either re-

plays or penalties.
"We were reluctant to bring in penalties." Kelly said. "But I don't see that changing in the immediate future. We could go back to unlimited replays next season but, in the present climate of mannower. general co-operation with the police and costs, that is



First-class launch: Parker, left, and Glendenen had put together a partnership of 119 for Durham at Oxford when rain prevented play after lunch. Photograph: Hugh Routledge. Report, page 30

### A chilly start for Durham

BY ALAN LEE

THERE will be bigger days and headier occasions for Durham, starting this weekend with a Sunday League game which is all-ticket and televised. But yesterday was when the history was made. For 71 years, there has been a closed shop of 17 first-class counties. Now, the 18th is up and running.

As history goes, it passed with a whisper rather than a roar, but then in Oxford's Parks, on a bitter April day, it was always likely to be so.

There were a few dozen curious witnesses among a gaggle of photographers and television crews. Some of the players looked bashful, some looked proud; all looked fro-zen stiff. Chris Scott wore a bobble-hat and Dean Jones. having organised an fielding session in an incongruous sun-visor, donned several track suits and enquired if cricket was ever played in lower temperatures.

Mugs of tea were served during a morning drinks break and when rain ended play at lunchtime, Durham 119 without loss, nobody More football, page 31 119 without loss, nobody wembley view, page 27 much minded. The birth had been recorded. As they had warmed up, or tried to, under the strictures of their physiotherapist, Sheila Job, the Durham squad made an odd mix of the anonymous and

the comfortably familiar. The latter group included Wayne Larkins and Phil Bainbridge, 35 years of county cricket between them and now with the grey hair to show it, and Paul Parker, fretting over a back injury but still running faster than any-

All three have had captaincy experience and will offer a vell of wisdom, into which

A TRIBUTE to Stuart

Surridge, the former captain

of Surrey county cricket club,

who died aged 74 on Mon-

day, came yesterday from

Peter May, who took over

from Surridge in 1957 after

Surrey had won the county

championship in each of the

five years of Surridge's

captaincy.
"The news came as a terri-

ble shock," May, who went on

will. Graveney has the unique task, though he will call it the honour, of welding together a disparate gathering of aspirants and itinerants.

scrutiny is one, but neither does he labour them. A man who has been through Graveney's experiences, these past five years, will never make a drama out of a challenge. "I have learned already that the people of Durham will tell you if they don't like what you are doing. I don't mind that. It's better than

Dismissed, callously, as

to captain England, said. "I

and an inspiring man to play

under. He was a great man

and friend off the field, too,

and was godfather to one of

hold wonderful memories for

me. His death is a sad loss:"

Those times will always

my daughters.

"He was a great captain

will miss him very much."

being stabbed in the back." David Graveney will dip at

sanctioned tour to South Africa, Graveney looks back without rancour or regrets. He does not understate the "If I had my time again, the problems, of which constant only thing I would do differently would be to leave Gloucestershire earlier than 1 did," he says. "I was in a nowin situation and in danger

Gloucestershire's captain.

and then attacked for his role

as manager of the last un-

of giving up the game as a disillusioned man. "Instead, so much has happened to me recently that I still feel I am just past 30," he adds. In fact, he is 39. His troublesome back patched up for another year of wheedling spin and embarking on a venture in which all of cricket

must wish him success. Of Durham's 22 contracted players, twenty were at Oxford yesterday. Missing were the youngest. Paul Henderson, training at Lilleshall with England under-17s, and the most famous, lan Botham, still sunning himself in South Africa. Henderson is Durham's future; Botham helps give them an exciting present. It starts in earnest on Sunday.

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### Upset by Syed in team effort

BY RICHARD EATON

ENGLAND reached the final of the European table tennis championships with an excellent 4-2 victory over France in Stuttgart yesterday. Against Sweden, the world champions, today they are ensured of at least a repeat of the silver medal they carned against the Swedes in the 1988 final. The victory was achieved despite a magnificent performance from Jean-Philippe Gatien, the French No. 1 and English Open champion, and largely because of an all-round effort by the four Eng-

Carl Prean, the England No. 1, and Chen Xinhua, the English national champion. both won singles, as expected; Alan Cooke played an impor-tant role in a surprise victory in the doubles; and Matthew Syed, whose splendid defensive efforts have been a plus in these championships, scored

another fine win. Syed beat Mommessin, the former French national champion. 21-10. 21-13. Another surprise was that Gatien, who finds backspin and float difficult to attack, was able to beat Chen, who had won their four previous meetings. The Frenchman did so only by 21-14, 18-21, 21-19 after trailing in the final game by 9-15

"I think Gatien played one of the best matches I have ever seen him play." Donald Parker, the England manag-

In today's final the Swedes will field Jorgen Persson, the world champion, and Jan-Ove Waldner, a former world champion, two truly great

England only lost by 5-3 in the 1988 final, by 3-2 in the World Team Cup last Nov-ember, and by 4-3 in their

group match on Monday.
"I was extremely pleased day," Parker said. "I am sure that if we play our best we can give Sweden some trouble

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### Hall's loss hurts **England**

ENGLAND'S medal prospects suffered a severe blow. when Darren Hall, who won a silver last time and a gold the time before, announced yesterday that he would take no part in this week's Pilkington Glass European badminton championships in Glasgow because of a recurrence of his ankle injury

that with the country's No. 1, they might well have won and, in the process, a team silver medal for the first time since 1986. Instead they were left with a battle for a bronze with the CIS and thoughts of what might have been.

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### (Richard Eaton writes). As if to underline the setback, England put up a sufficiently sturdy performance in a 3-2 loss to Sweden to believe

### Another losing Borg comeback

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Nice: Olivier Delaitre, of France, defeated Bjorn Borg 7-5, 6-2 yesterday, stopping the Swede's latest comeback to the professional tennis circuit at the Nice Open. In a first-round match filled with unforced errors. Delaitre. ranked 43rd in the world. controlled the action and pace of the 78-minute match. Borg was wearing his trademark headband but as soon as play started it was apparent that it was not the Borg of old. His serves lacked power, his shots lacked depth and the only points he seemed

to win came on unforced errors by Delaitre. The Frenchman's mistakes helped Borg get back from a made nine of 12 blunders to give Borg three consecutive games and tie the score at

However, Delaitre pounced on any short ball and approached the net to put away

first set in 49 minutes, breaking Borg at love in the twelfth game. The second set went quickly. Delaitre taking the final four games.

Borg previously attempted comebacks in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1991. All were short-lived. Delaitre is the No. 2 French player behind Guy Forget. A good claycourt player. Delaitre made two tournament finals late in 1991, losing to top ten players. Pete Sampras and

Borg won here in 1977 and 1980. This time he prepared himself with a new, modern graphite racket and weeks of preparation at Nick Bollettieri's academy. Last year Borg made a feeble return. seeking to rekindle past glories with his old wooden racket and aided by a 79-year-old Welshman that Borg called The Professor"

Borg came back with talk of entering grand slam tournaments, lost severely to Jordi

pens." Since February he has Arrese in 75 minutes at Monplayed in various exhibitions, te Carlo, and left the scene. senior tournaments and an He has returned with a invitational in Texas, losing

Tribute to Surridge

different attitude. He said in the second round to a another loss won't bother him. "I'm missing match young Venezuelan ranked play. To be in a grand slam tournament you need to have 100 percent confidence." Borg said when he was training in Florida. "I'll take it one step at a

time. We will see what hap-



closer to 200 than 100. He managed a few wins, mostly over players his own age or older. His 62nd and last title was more than ten

After Nice he has accepted wild-card invitations to play in Monte Carlo and Munich fournaments. He indicated he might play in his native Sweden among the seven or

eight ATP tournaments. Delaitre now faces another Frenchman, Fabrice Santoro, who knocked out the No. 3 seed and 1989 champion. Andrei Chesnokov, on Monday, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.

Sampras is the top seed of the tournament and Forget is second-seeded. Forget beat Libor Nemecek, of Czechoslovakia, in the match before

### Cup final allocation irks Sunderland

By LOUISE TAYLOR

SUNDERLAND have been allocated 18,000 tickets for football's FA Cup final on May 9, as opposed to the 26,000 awarded to Liverpool. The remainder of the 80,000 crowd at Wembley will be made up from allocations to clubs, county associations, and overseas football

essociations.

David Bloomfield, the FA's press officer, said that the 44,000 tickets available for the finalists were divided on the basis of their average crowds over the past three seasons, but the decision has not pleased Sunderland.

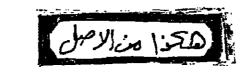
pointed at having lost the toss of a coin at FA headquarters in London yesterday, which means they must play in their away strip. If there is a replay, Sunderland will be allowed to don their tradition-

al red and white stripes, with Liverpool changing. Liverpool changing.

I Luion Town yesterday assured Bedfordshire County
Council they would pay
£250,000 in police bills at the season's end. David Kuhler, the club's managing director, said: "The only way this club can pay its bills is to sell players.

"We could have sold Mark Pembridge to Derby County on transfer-deadline day, but he can help keep us in the first division. We will have a player sale in the summer - and Bedfordshire County Council know they are going to get

Had agreement not been reached, the police could have refused to man Kenilworth Road, forcing Luton to be



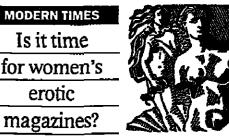
Helpers worth billions that struggle for funds

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**MODERN TIMES** Is it time

for women's erotic



Upset by Syed in team effort

### Rock and the charity bankroll

Peter Barnard

reports on Monday's charity rock concert at Wembley, where raising awareness of Aids is as high on the agenda as raising funds

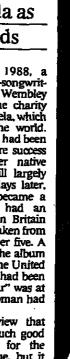
n June II. 1988, a young singer-songwrit-er appeared at Wembley stadium in the charity concert for Nelson Mandela, which was televised around the world. The singer, an American, had been enjoying marginally more success in Britain than in her native country but she was still largely unknown. Twenty-one days later, on July 2, the singer became a household name. She had an album at number one in Britain and "Fast Car", a single taken from the album, was at number five. A month later, in August, the album reached number one in the United States (where the concert had been shown live) and "Fast Car" was at number 20. Tracey Chapman had

There is a cynical view that which has recently achieved the status of a durable fashion.

Easter Monday will see the biggest manifestation of this fashion since, and perhaps including. Live Aid in 1985. Wembley Stadium is again the venue and the concert, in memory of Freddie Mercury, the Aids victim and lead singer of Oueen, will raise countless millions of pounds for Aids

Ironically, the power of these events to sell records and raise money is also illustrated in the career of Oueen. The band had released a "greatest hits" album in 1981 which sped to the top of the charts and was still in the lower reaches of the top 100 by the time of Live Aid. At that concert, Queen and Mercury played a set of stunning intensity, the perfor-mance of the night. Within days the greatest hits album was back in the

was to stay there for two years. Monday's Wembley event is a concert whose bill looks as if it has been taken from a rock Who's Who: Queen, David Bowie, Roger Daltry, Def Leppard, Guns 'n' seeming unknowns get on to these bills. Zucchero? Who he?



charity concerts do as much good for the performers as for the charities. That is not true, but it contains a grain of truth. Tracey Chapman's career would have taken off at some point but there is no doubting that some acts have cause to be grateful, after the event, for the enormous selling power of charity rock shows, a phenomenon

higher reaches of the charts and

Roses, Elton John, Annie Lennox, George Michael, Mick Ronson, Seal. Spinal Tap, Lisa Stansfield, Paul Young and a satellite appear-ance by U2... the list goes on. The compilation of that list indicates the sophistication of rock charity productions. Charities have learned that a mix of styles is vital, hence everything from heavy metal to ballads, young chart stars to middle-aged superstars. And if big names are so willing to do this kind of work for nothing but their hotel and travelling expenses, how do

Platform to greater things: Tracey Chapman, left, gained new recognition performing at the concert for Nelson Mandela in 1988, and Freddie Mercury, right, at the Live Aid extravaganza in 1985 A huge success in Italy, but

unknown almost everywhere else, Zucchero is on the Wembley bill as a means of tempting the Italian

television networks, in which aim it has succeeded. Italy is one of more than 70 countries taking the tele-vision feed, either live or for broadcast within 24 hours. The final worldwide television audience is estimated at half a billion. Harvey Goldsmith is promoting

Monday's spectacular but there is Monday's specialization another, less well-known key play-He is Kevin Wall, 40-yea president of Radio Vision, which claims to have 80 per cent of the world business in marketing concerts for television. The Mercury concert has involved most of Radio Vision's 20 staff working full time

on the project for three months.

Mr Wall operates from an office building on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles, directly opposite Grauman's Chinese Theatre. This is where the real success of a charity concert is planned and measured. "Usually these projects start with a charity organisation coming to us," says Mr Wall, whose company handled part of Live Aid and has negotiated television deals for Amnesty International. "In this case Queen Productions contacted us. My first question is to do with the purpose: is it to raise money or to raise awareness, or both? With this

concert it's both. "So I have to strike a balance between revenue and exposure. Fox TV is taking the show in America and there are other, smaller pay-TV networks. They will pay around \$250,000 [£141,000] and whereas Radio Vision would normally take 25 per cent, with a charity we take perhaps 10 to 15 per cent, to cover costs. We do it as cheaply as possible without killing ourselves as

'It's roughly true to say that you - aged to set up domestic credit card

have 35 or so countries where selling the television rights makes money for the charities and beyond that you are breaking even, but of

nothing. Eastern European counin some cases not enough to cover

link. But the chance to reach big populations means that the organisers will pay for links out of other income. The most dramatic illustration of the balance between money and awareness is Russia, which will take Monday's concert. Russia has no money: what it does have is 100 million people with television sets.

purpose of the Wembley event, as keting opportunities, is at least to have ticket sales pay for the produc-tion costs of the concert. Monday's show sold out in six hours. Those costs include everything from the stars' hotel rooms to sub-contrac-

ing, security and myriad other functions, most of which are carried out at cost. There are vital, if half hidden, benefits from television. Within the countries which take the show, television companies are encour-

course in those places raising Aids awareness is the key benefit."

Whereas big markets like the US, Britain (the BBC is showing Monday's concert live) and Japan pay well, others pay very little or tries, such as Bulgaria, Poland and Czechoslovakia, have little money,

> Aids charities will have made amounts that would be unimaginable through any other form of fund raising

feet of male singers signify that this is still a world in The bottom line which men are opposed to its televising and mar- women are, if not grateful, then at least willing participants in a symbiotic relationship which stars opardise at their peril. Most big names have until

vision company.

Presley, Buddy

Holly. Eddie Coch-

ran and other icons

in the mid-1950s.

The recent libel

case won by Jason

Donovan was in

part a demonstra-

tion that rock's

morals are still es-

sentially conserva-

tive. Items of

female underwear

tossed from the

front rows to the

recently been notable for their absence from Aids campaigning, at least overtly. A few, including Elion John and George Michael, have supported Aids fund-raising for a tors handling lighting, sound, seatnumber of years and Aids charities talk of their "courage" in doing so. Only since the late 1980s, when Aids began to be perceived as a heterosexual problem, has the rock industry begun casting aside its

diles from the mud of the Nile.

hotlines so that people can contribimage obsessions and started to make Aids campaigning the ute to their own Aids charities while centre-stage cause that it is now. the concert is on screen. And television companies often contrib-Even Queen have not been ute the profits from commercials, or notably associated with the cause

advertisers pay airtime fees direct to before and Mercury's affliction became public knowledge only in the days just before his death. charities rather than to the tele-Clearly Queen were too big to need In one respect the relationship between rock music and Aids fear a backlash over Aids and there charities is an uneasy one. For all was no reason for Mercury to make a private matter public before he did. But rock as a whole was for a the publicity about Aids victims within the industry, rock's image is still rooted in the macho, heterosexlong time reluctant to take the stage helped launch Elvis enthusiasm it demonstrated over

hunger. Nor are a few phone calls and the rental of a stadium any guarantee that the fans will roll up to help the cause. More than one Aids charity has caught a cold by trying to organise rock events itself, hence the marked increase in the use of professionals over the past few years. Usually charities have fallen victim either to bad timing or too narrow a base as regards the appeal

In late 1990, one of the biggest Aids charities, the Terrence Higgins Trust, put on a show called Life Serenaids at the Brixton Academy in London. It starred Marc Almond and Everything But The Girl, which outsiders might have thought would be enough to draw a crowd. The show lost £10,000 and taught the trust a lesson. Other Aids concerts have had to be cancelled.

"Concerts are the least costeffective area of fund raising when charities try to run them themselves," says Francis Cox, special appeals fund raiser for the trust.

Part of the problem is that they are terribly labour intensive and you never know how successful they are going to be. The planning takes a long time and in that time a lot can go wrong. In the case of the Brixton concert we started planning it at the

quite as menacing as accosting

beginning of 1990 but by the time the show went on the recession was just beginning to bite. We couldn't

get the numbers." That uncertainty contributed to the trust having to make redundancies last year when its forecast income fell short of its forecast expenditure, but it will benefit from Monday's concert. Indeed it has already received a seven-figure boost from royalties donated by high-street record retailers when Queen's biggest hit, "Bohemian ediately after Mercury's death.

Aids charities can also benefit from obtaining the video copyright on events. Hysteria 3, re-broadcast on Channel 4 last week, is a comedy show run every two years. It is the brainchild of the actor-comedian Stephen Fry and viewers who switched off when the credits rolled will not have noticed the mos significant credit of all: "Copyright Terrence Higgins Trust Enter-prises." This gives the television and video copyright to the trust, a significant boost to the £100,000 received in telephone pledges during Hysteria 3.

That is part of the reason why the first move Queen Productions made when it planned Monday's concert was to set up the Phoenix Trust, a one-off organisation de-signed solely to handle the income from Monday's concert. By the time it is wound up, Aids charities around the world will have made amounts that would be unimaginable through any other form of fund raising. If a minor side-benefit is that another Tracey Chapman rises to fame next week, nobody suffering from Aids will be heard complaining.

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**TOMORROW** The Fiery Angel comes to London

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### Spring is sprung, the hormones is riz

the trouble with surprise spells of warm weather is that they make your thoughts run — rather inconveniently, in my case — in the general direction of sex. Damn and blast. What atavistic creatures we are, to be tweaked by the season in such an obvious way. You would have thought you could rise above it, in an age that can invent the multipurpose bin-liner. Instead of which. all it takes is a small gust of warmish breeze ruffling the hair on the back of your neck, and the next minute you are startling pensioners at the Post Office by singing Gimme Gimme Gimme a Man After Midnight while queueing for your tax disc.

A PERSON TO SEE

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Perhaps this is why the single person feels an enormous urge to spring-clean; it is Nature's way of turning surplus sap into a white tornado. "Sub-Lim-Ate" orders a croaky Dalek voice in one's head, and it seems wise to pay attention. Right, yes, get cracking. Polish the carpets, hoover the cars, worm the walnut veneer. Eradicate the Sex Monster by sheer effort of elbow grease, and meanwhile pray for snow. As an additional precaution. remove any erotic element from vour environment, such as Georgia O'Keeffe pictures (the ones that remind you of orgasms), and the when it is repeated on TV Heaven, and put all your Gerard Depardieu videos in the shed.

But there is an old saying in my family: push sex out of the front door and it will come back through the plughole. "Phew," I said to the cats last weekend, when all this superego activity was accom-plished. "Thank goodness I've dealt with that little problem." But my sense of security was as ill-founded as Sigourney Weaver's in Alien. I leaned back in the bath and switched on *The Archers*, and jumped out of my skin. The Sex Monster was back! And it was running wild in Ambridge! I was aghast. Since when had The Archers been scripted by the ghost of Tennessee Williams? I silenced the radio in a bucket of water, but not before thinking that a "trip to Felpersham" sounded nice. Damn

and blast again.
So I was in a slightly jumpy mood when I went out for a drive on Sunday. On the run from both the Sex Monster and the Jif Imperative, I ran straight into my nightmare combination of both viz, the blokes with squeegees who haunt the traffic lights at Vauxhall Cross. Damn and blast for a third

SINGLE LIFE

**Lynne Truss** on the frustration caused by a warm breeze



time. They come looming up at you unbidden, these johnnies; and then they clean your windows whether you like it or not. I had forgotten about them, because they disappear in the winter. But on the first warm day they rise up again miraculously, fully armed with buckets of water and beany hats. They are, I fancy, generated out of the swirling grit of Vauxhall by the mystical action of the sun like croco-

them so much. What happens is that having innocently drawn up at the traffic lights, you are approached by a man (or a kid) with a wet sponge, who is intent on washing your windscreen for a small fee. You mime a polite "No thanks" but he is not deterred. You wave and swivel your palms in the internationally recognised signal for "Leave it out, mate, and hop it". but he slaps the sponge on the glass, so that it dribbles dirty water across your line of vision. "Bugger off," you shout, but by this time he is wiping off the water, and you notice (at short range, through the glass) that he is the sort of person who breathes through his mouth.

rattooed on his knuckles. Perhaps there are motorists who do not feel intimidated as I do: perhaps they say, "Oh goody" and start rooting in their pockets for change. But perhaps they are not single women frazzled by the challenge of suppressing their springtime libido, and crazed by the sea-change to The Archers. But it is a point of principle, in any case: if I say "No" to these blokes, I truly believe they should leave me alone. To my mind, washing someone's

windscreen against their will is

and wears the word "Hate"

Allow me to explain why I hate them at a bus stop and insisting on manicuring their nails. In the meantime, what is to be done about vanquishing the Sex Monster? Well, this week's plummeting atmospheric pressure has

dealt with the immediate problem, thank goodness. I put the Andre Agassi calendar back on the wall yesterday, and I honestly feel OK. "Chew string," was one helpful suggestion; also, "Roll yourself in a length of carpet and recite The Waste Land" (apparently it works for some people). Back from my ghastly encounter with the Invasion of the Bucket Men. then, I decided to give the carpet-option a try, and it certainly helped. Despite gagging on the dust-balls. I found it amazing how Eliot keeps the Id firmly under wraps, while his unmistakable bass-line rhythm makes the whole experience so jolly:

"I think we are in rats alley Where the dead men lost their

There's not a soul out there No one to hear my prayer Weialala leia Wallala leialala Gimme gimme gimme a man after midnight."

TOMORROW Private Life: John Diamond MADAM BUTTERFLY: Graham Vick's elegant production of *Mediam Butterfly* with Stefanos Lazaridis's much-imitated minimalist designs based on the use of internance users a cost on the use or skiding screens, makes yet another welcome return to the Colseum. The English National Opera cast includes Susan Bullock (Butterfly), David Rendall (Finkerton) and Norman Balley. (Sharpless) Andrew Greenwood conducts the first night, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London

THE ALCHEMIST: Jonathan Hyde and satire on greed and city life, transferring to a larger stage after last year's self-out at the Swan. Sam Mendes directs. pening night. arbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-

WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pt

638 8891), 7pm, then in repertoire

CHARLEMAGNE: An intriguing first play by Sarah Miles, starring herself and Greg Hicks as a married couple whose lore survives surprising hazards, including a sex change. Director: Lisa Forrell. Opening night.\*
Old Fire Station, George Street, Oxford (0865 794494), 7.30pm.

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Christoph Eschenbach conducts the orchestra in works by Mozart and Haydin, and is soloist in Mozart's Quinte for piano and wind, K452 and Piano Symphony No 92, "Oxford", complete the programme. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Zubio Mehta conducts a programme beginning with Tchalkovsky's Violin Concerto with soloist Maxim Vengerov), followed (with soloist Maxim Vengarov), followed by Stravnsky's Symphony in Three Movements and linishing with Raxel's

m Ancests in Anterocas Intering performances in Tory Kushner's fasonating state-of-the-Union drama on Add, teligon, politics, everything. National (Cottasloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2257), Today, 3.20pm and 7.30pm 2.0pm;

BACK UP THE HEARSE AND LET THEM SMIP THE HOWERS HE ART OF the salesman: William Gaminara's comedy points out the tricks but simplifies deeper issues. Hampsthand, Swiss Cottage Centre, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression in the Notice Cubis An impression of the Hartern rightspot high on energy, low on story freshness.

Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071–836 6404). Mon-Fn, 7-30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2-30pm, Sat, 4pm.

☐ THE DARK RIVER: Accomplished revival of Rodney Ackland's 1937 drama: naivety and nostalgia in an England diriting towards war. Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 45pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm

EDEATH AND THE MARDEN: Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Ariel Dorfman's Chilean political drama. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-88 5122). Mors. St., Agm., nats Thurs, 3pm., Sat, 4pm., 120mins. (NB: new cast from April 18.)

☐ AM EVENENG WITH GARY LINEKER: Sort instrated woman fantasies of a frustrated woman married to a soccer nut.

Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Born, Fn. Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 130mms.

☐ FROM A JACK TO A KING: Withy and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Sixtles songs.

Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661 after 2pm).

MOSSAY 9 15cm Edite brown. 10\_30pm, mai Sat, 6pm. 90mins. GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical, devised and written by lack.
Good, celebrating Fifties and Sixties pop classics, with affectionate take-offs

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(Watern Hurry gos Unior un ome and becomes a better person, Familiar material, but Invely treatment. Director, Randa Haines. Barbican (071-638 8891) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 5148) Odenors Kententon (0426

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◆ FINAL ANALYSIS (15): Psychatrist Richard Gere falls for a patent's assert (Firm Basinger) and gets more than he bargained for. Overwrought pastiche melodrams; director, Phil Joanou. MGM Fullham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Oxford Streat (071-360 3310) MGM Shaffesbury Avenue (071-435 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Methtins Will Conspire (071-434 0031) Methtins Will Conspire (071-434 0031) Methtins Will Conspire (071-434 0031) Methtins Will Conspire (071-434 0031)

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### **TODAY'S EVENTS**

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

music for Diaghilev's ballet, Daphnis and Chioé. Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) 7 30em WH SMITH ILLUSTRATION AWARDS: In 1988 the booksellers WH

Smith set up an annual award for published British Illustration. This show, which coincides with the announcement of this year's winners, is anitumitement or insyeta's winners, is a netrospective of earlier proze-winners and other entries. In all cases the original art work is shown along with its published form. The styles range from the rootedly traditional to the boldly experimental, testifying to the continuing variety and vitality of the British iBustrative tradition. Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 8361). Mon-Sar 10am-5-30pm, Sun, midday-5-30pm, opens today. UNIQUE AND ORIGINAL: During its 20 years of existence, the Glasgow Print Studio has built up an enviable reputation as one of the most lively and enterprising centres for print-making in Britain. It has benefited from its location. persueding many of the younger Glasgow figurative painters, such as Peter Howson, Ken Currie and Ada Wiszniewski, to make prints for the studio. It has also enlisted older and more established Scottish artists such as Eduardo Paolozzi, Elizabeth Biadradder and Bruce MicLean, and such exotics as Roberto Gonzalez Fernandez and Boris Belsky. An Impressive retrospective.

Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Daily, midday-7.30pm, opens today.

THE CORN IS GREEN: The Greenwich Theatre production of Entlyn Williams's comedy about the relationship between a young Welsh schoolboy and his school teacher is revived for 11 performan prior to a nationwide tour. Patricia Routledge heads the cast. Greanwitch Theatre, Croom's Hill, London SE10 (081-858 7755), tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

TIME OF MY LEFF: The summer season opens with a new cornedy written and directed by Alan Ayddbourn. The play is set in a local restaurant where three set in a local restaurant where three couples meet and discuss their lives. The sesson encompasses three world premieres including a new Tim Firth play, and Rocket to the Moon, a play by Clifford Odels whose work is enjoying a revival of interest following the movie Bazzon Fink which was based on his life. Stephen Joseph Theatra in the Rousid, Valley Bridge Paradie, Standardh (10723 170541), previews Scarbotrough (0723 370541), previews tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Set, 4pm and 8pm

PELE: A mix of tuneful, infectious pop-and stinging lyrics from this Liverpudiar band warming up for a full-length tour to promote à debut album, Fireworks. Hilbernism, Pershore Road, Selly Park, Berningham (021-472 0136), 8pm.

MOSCOW CITY BALLET: Now on its second visit to Britain in five months, this troupe, founded seven years ago by Victor Smirnov-Golovanov, brings its Victor Smirmov-Golovanov, brings its production of *The Sleeping Beauty* to London. The sets and costumes are no contain. The sers and coolumes are to as attractive as they could be, but the company is notable for its younger talented dancers. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), eves, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2.30pm.

### THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre showing in London House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 4401), Mon-Thurs, Bpm, Fn, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 150mms. HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul

Scoffield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shaw's timeles, state-of-England drama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2,30pm, 225mms.

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tackling our rotting legal system, delivers skillful blows with his customary wit

THE POCKET DREAM: Fools! burlesque of *A Midsummer Night's* Dream, with Mike McShane and Sandi Toksug. Dedicated fans only. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-

867 1115). Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mins. CI REPLECTED GLORY: Albert Finney very furnry as the victim of a play by his brother, Stephen Moore, after this good start Ronald Harwood's new good statu runagu na voca comedy peters out. Vaudeville, The Strand, VKC2 (071-836 9887). Mon-Fn, 8pm, Sat, 8.30p mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

C SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is lukewarm. Torning Steele in poor musical version of the film. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ STRAIGHT AND NARROW: Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and Carmel McSharry in likeable cornedy about a doting mother's womes, notably her gay son. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mms.

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THEATRE

### Far too much jiggery-popery

DARIO FO has not always been pleased with British performances of his moral farces. The production of Accidental Death of an Anarchist that introduced West End audiences to his work in 1980 struck him as lacking in satiric bile and bite, too often "exclusively comic". Yet the National Theatre's revival of the same play last year he thought too solemn and didactic. The balance, as he is the first to agree, is diabolically hard to catch and, as he is too polite to add, does not come easily to Anglo-Saxons.

Assuming he could get his eyes to stop popping in dismay, what would Fo find to say of Jude Kelly's evisceration of The Pope and the Witch, a huge success in Italy itself? The production aspires to be little more than funny in a bumbling English way; and even that is beyond its pedestrian powers. Of bile, bite, astringency, wit and other such virtues, there is little on show.

The plot is simple enough. Witchcraft and his own reawakened sympathies combine to transform a fanatically conservative Pope into a fanatically liberal one. John Paul II no sly pseudonyms for the combative Fo — is going barmy in Rob Jones's plush-and-gilt Vatican. To him, a mass gathering of Third World orphans in St Peter's Square can only be propaganda by "pill pedlars and condom nvassers". But a somewhat implausibly engineered trip to a drug treatment centre turns him into a hair-shirted radical, hot-gospelling for legalised heroin, birth control, and an asceticism little to the liking of his top birettas. Andy de la Tour, who made what is The Pope and The Witch Comedy

clearly a freeish adaptation of the original, is right to say in the programme that the play is "far from anti-Catholic". I myself know nuns and priests at least as exasperated with John Paul as Fo. No, the play's prime target is Vatican insularity, arrogance and corruption. Oddly, de la Tour has himself added the most obvious villain, a cardinal with a Bronx accent and Mafia connections who ends up preparing the same Mickey Finns for John Paul II that he forced down John Paul I's throat; but he fits well enough with Fo's point, which is that it is time the Church hierarchy was converted to Christianity.

I daresay the original play also faded when Fo turned preachy and proselytising. Frances de la Tour, the white witch battling the Pope's mental and physical breakdown, is the most capable performer onstage; but even she cannot bring her character's pieties But then Fo has always worked best through laughter, and in this produc-

tion that commodity is as scarce as

meat in Moscow. David Horovitch does a galumphing burlesque of a sort of Cardinal Capone; Paul Venables tediously parodies a yuppie press officer ("a seriously dead Pope, that's right out of order, yah?"); and the knockabout lacks all guile and grace. Much might be salvaged by a powerful, authoritative Pope, but Berwick Kaler is the very opposite, a rabbity presence with a hoarse, saloonbar voice and a nudging, pier-end

the end, becomes an updated St Simon Stylites? Think of the real John Paul II behaving like that. Then think of some manner. How can we be amused when cheeky chappie from the nightclub such a man flies into paranoid rages. circuit self-consciously playing the tool or mutilates the dummy he madly My point is made carries about with him, or chases underlings across the furniture or wildly waves from a chandelier, or, at

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Knockabout: Clive Merrison, Berwick Kaler, Frances de la Tour

### THEATRE

### **Backwater** ripples

The Dead Secret Richmond

A SMALL but perhaps not insignificant Rodney Ackland revival should be occurring, just a few months after his death, in a gentle backwater by the Thames (a praised production of his second world war play, The Dark River, is running a few hundred yards away at the Orange Tree). That seems fitting. In Ackland's plays, things tend to

happen too late; and he was never the sort of writer to make a big splash: the arrival of the Angry Young Men in the 1950s appears to have silenced him. But the ripples set up by this earlier play (circa 1934), inspired by a celebrated Edwardian poisoning case, but in fact a profound study of avarice, expand quietly but surely outward: its uninsistent truthfulness may secure it a longer life than many more strident

as a drunk old woman falls down stairs, spilling hoarded sovereigns. Kit Surrey's richly naturalistic, two-level set exposes several rooms in the Willesden Green boarding house-cum-officecum-home of Frederick Dyson, insurance supervisor, miser and possibly murderer. Ackland lets nothing so obviously dramatic happen again as Dyson persuades the old lady to entrust

HARRY EYRES | dancers to offer glimpses of individual

NEVER were there such devoted sisters. Brahms wrote a song on the subject, and Kristine and Katherine Ciesinski were quick to embrace both it and each other as the first encore of their London recital debut. The purpose of the evening was not so much to show off the dueting skills

of "Wir Schwestern" (though this was generously done in songs by Schumann, Schubert and Brahms) but to look at the forgotten sisters and wives of musical history: Fanny Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, Alma Mahler. Katherine Ciesinski, the dramatic mezzo of the two, tuned the passionate underside of her voice to the "dark fetters" of Aima Mahler's "Ansturm".

her considerable savings to him, evicts the relatives she half suspects of being after her loot, possibly does away with her and then faces the consequences. The dramatic momentum may not sweep you away, but a steady pulse keeps beating.

The life of the pulse and the play lies in Ackland's wonderful ear for speech and his generous gift of life and individuality to each character. Everyone, from the young clerk, Gooch, to the charlady speaks in their own voice and with full humanity. This excellent cast, sensitively directed by Roger Redfarn, rises to the challenge right down the line.

As Dyson, Edward Woodward starts by resembling a mixture of Mr Pooter and Captain Mainwaring from Dad's Army: a puffed-up bureaucratic tyrant who inspires awkward silence in his presence and raised fingers behind his back. But even he is finally allowed his moment of tentative grace.

Woodward's own wife, Michelle Dotrice, is equally if not more impressive as Mrs Dyson: a subtle portrayal of a kind, rather unfocused woman whose suffering, when it comes, may not shake the foundations but resonates humbly among the tea cups. Vivienne Martin as old Mrs Lummus. the victim, an inextricable mixture of meanness and kindliness; from Richard Beale as Dyson's warm-hearted, shabby father; and from Auriol Smith as the half-mad maid, Henrietta, who believes her brain is shrivelling like a bad walnut.

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### DANCE

### Pale sketch of Spain

**Duende Flamenco** Barbican

SOME entrepreneur should open a vast tapas bar in London where flamenco troupes such as Juan Martin's Duende Flamenco Dance Company could appear. Londoners have developed a ravenous appetite for flamenco. But they get little sense of its flavour sitting in the polite, wood-

veneered tiers of the Barbican Hall. The word Duende denotes the crucial but elusive quality that all flamenco artists aspire to: the inner fire or demon that inspires. I can't say that anybody here achieves it. One reason may be youth. In an art form that reveres maturity, these dancers find themselves on the first rungs of the

ladder, with ages ranging from only 17 The upper figure belongs to Maria del Mar Berlanga, the lead female dancer. Flamenco has never been vears have revved up the energy of their footwork to compete with the men. But the brusqueness and lerocious, pouncing leaps she favoured seemed to squeeze out finesse in her upper body. The effect was further marred by ugly. extravagant grimaces: a poor substitute

for expressiveness of the body.

Brief solos allowed two other female

personalities which should develop with time. La Toromba, an appealing gypsy from Seville, is small and sparkling, a total contrast to the tail. self-contained stateliness of 17-year-old Esther. Antonio Serrano, one of the two male dancers, has tall, rangy lines. but his movement lacks strong

definition David Morales, on the other hand, a mere slip of a boy, packs a powerful punch. In his solea solo he went through the male rependire with exhaustive thoroughness, as male flamenco dancers tend to do. It was as though the intricate mosaics of foot beats (zapateado), the kneeling poses and builfight gestures were seized. pulverised and then tossed away Other dancers might display more virtuosic brilliance, but Morales has a deep private concentration and a way of giving himself heart and body to

movement that is perhaps Duende. Best of all were the suspended moments of calm in the gaps between assertive positions and a soft almost feline lyricism in the slow liquid turns

and weaving patterns across the stage. Space was also given to interestingly varied (but over-amplified) guitar solos by Juan Martin, the group's creator, as as to song, cons the most important element. Maricarmen sang and improvised some dance: Jarillo's baritone solos had the requisite wailings but little distinction. However, this being the international non-Spanish-speaking circuit, dance had pride of place and it mostly failed

to transcend its antiseptic setting. NADINE MEISNER

RECITAL

### Sisters united in song piano accompaniment, building the Kristine and

Katherine Ciesinski Purcell Room In this "Onslaught", a heady Expres-

sionism bursts the small bounds of the song: in her "Harvest Song", sung by the lighter, though no less dramatic soprano of her sister, a Straussian opulence of invention rings out of the unrelenting stamina of the word setting. Two songs by Fanny Mendelssohn revealed her melodic gift; two by Clara Schumann showed her sensitivity to words. Siblings met siblings once again in

the songs of Nadia and Lili Boulanger. Iain Burnside, who devised this enterprising song series and accompanies it. enjoyed the more adventurous harmonic impressionism of Lili, while

A TRIBUTE TO THE

d'hiver" was given a heartfelt performance by Katherine Ciesinski. For light relief there was the salon coquetry of Maria Malibran and.

respecting the simple yet powerful speech of Nadia. Her own "Soir

finally, the all-American parlour pathos of parent-child relationships in three songs by Ives. Here the Ciesinski sisters came into their own. With their generous dramatic talents, they are not yet natural Lieder singers: but in Lee Hoiby's fresh and imaginative setting of Andrew Marvell's 17th-century poem "Bermudas" they reached their new found land at last.

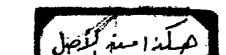
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### Can you hear me at the back?

Modern theatres must stage both intimate drama and larger-than-life spectacle. Kenneth Rea asks whether the size of a house affects the style of the production

had a smallish theatre in mind, when he wrote: "Speak the speech, I pray you, as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue." Since then, actors have roared, bellowed and bawled their way through the Bard's lines as theatres have grown progressively larg-er and audiences have struggled to hear the distant performers.

The demands we make on today's actors are rigorous: not only do we expect audibility. but we are measuring performances in large spaces against the yardstick of television naturalism. Yet our national theatres possess three magnificent stages — the Olivier, the Barbican and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford - from which it is difficult to make oneself heard.

Inevitably, acting style is dependent on the size of the space. But can an actor perform satisfactorily if he is straining to reach row X? Whether it is Shakespeare. Shaw or David Hare, the big national stages have spawned a somewhat declamatory style, while the real advances in acting seem to have been made in small spaces like The Other Place and the Cottesioe.

Adrian Noble, artistic direc-tor of the RSC, is a champion of giant banners and big battle scenes. He feels perfectly comfortable in the Barbican Theatre, though he finds the RST in Stratford difficult. "I am a great believer in what large space Shakespeare can offer,"

"I think it's thrilling," adds Noble. "And I love actors who can fill it and thrill audiences with their voices. The Barbican is a pushover after the RST. If you've played Stratford for a year you can play absolutely any theatre in the

Richard Eyre, artistic director of the National, is ambivalent about the more problematic Olivier Theatre and would like to do more small-scale work. "Guys and Dolls was the first show I did in the Olivier," he says, "It was so friendly that I thought, I don't see what the problem is. Then I've done other things there where you can feel as if you're shouting the wrong way down a huge funnel. It's a very difficult space.

"When it's really working in your favour, and it often works with comedy, it's like surfing," explains Eyre. "You get on a wave and the laughter just rolls down this massive cliff of a theatre like surf pounding the beach. Then it can be thrilling and thoroughly exhilarating.

"Public scenes work won-derfully well in the Olivier. Grand gestures, loud voices, bold statements. It's all a bit

'Many never make the leap from small rehearsal space into large theatre'

bigger than life. But I think audiences do make those willing adaptations if the truth of what's being presented is uncorrupted.

Clearly, national institutions need big public stages. But the plays must be chosen carefully. Noble's Henry IV Part I has an epic sweep to it, but what of small-scale productions, like the RSC's highly successful Alchemist which tonight transfers from the intimacy of The Swan to the cavernous Barbican stage? And are those big spaces really suitable for

more naturalistic plays? David Hare's Murmuring Judges and Shaw's Pygmalion have such lavish productions at the Olivier that the actors are frequently overwhelmed by the visual spectacle and many of them are reduced to barking at each other so that their voices do not disappear into the wings. "It's a dilemma of the medium," explains

popular as possible, and you want as many people to see it. "But the best theatre spaces for nlays tend to be quite small - 400 or 500 seats. The Royal Court, some of those Shaftesbury Avenue theatres: they seem to be the right combina-tion of public and private.

When you get into a 1,200seat theatre you're saying something quite different about the event. Often you feel that you're pumping up the play to match the expectations that the building seems to Racing Demon in

Conesioe was one of the best things I've ever seen in a theatre," continues Eyre. When we transferred it to the Olivier it did feel stretched. But it met a really important demand. It was getting to a point where people were saying, as they are now saying with Angels in America, 'I cannot see this play. Why do you put it on in this small theatre? So eventually you say, alright we'll put it on in a theatre which can accommo-

Voice coaches take the brunt of the challenge. Patsy Rodenburg, the National's voice director, points out that while the 19th-century auditoria were made of wood, the Olivier has some acoustic problems which could be corrected. "The architects have made such a mess of this," she

says.
"They've put padding in.
None of they've used concrete. None of this is sympathetic for the human voice. Acoustically it's very dead. What happens is that you don't ever feel when your voice is filling the space. So actors push, and that's gets ranty or

declamatory. Part of the problem is adapting to the space. Plays are rehearsed in small spaces for a director sitting very close, with just a wall behind him. "Many, many productions never make the leap from the small rehearsal space into the large theatre," says Sir Ian



The National's Richard III (above): an easier play to manage in a large space. Right, Ian McKellen benefits from the intimacy of the Cottesloe in Uncle Vanya

"The performance will be in intention the same, but the further the audience gets away from the performers, the more likely it is that the projection of the performance will somehow make it more crude, McKellen adds.

Since his unforgettable Macheth, featuring McKellen and Judi Dench at The Other Place, Trevor Nunn has insistently explored Shakespeare on an intimate scale. His Othello, Timon of Athens and Measure for Measure have all been remarkable for their clarity and apparent effortless-

is actors find this work as refreshing to play as audiences find it inspiring to watch. But how many people get to see it?
"The revelation of Trevor

Nunn's Macbeth, and many of the other small-scale productions of the classics, is that one discovers something about the plays which is absolutely germane to the way they are written," says McKellen, who

is currently playing in an equally exclusive Uncle Vanya at the Cottesloe before reviving his Richard III at the Lyttelton next month. "I'm not enamoured of the sort of director's theatre which interprets a play to the exclusion of all other

interpretations. "I am much more in favour of an audience doing the interpreting and the production presenting the play in all its detail. That's much better done in a small space. That isn't to deny that you can't have a wonderful experience in a large theatre. But every-thing will have to be bigger.

more presented, exaggerated.
"There's an awful lot of Richard III where a largerthan-life character tries to rule the world and he speaks directly to the audience," adds McKellen. "It's an easier play to manage in a large space than Uncle Vanya. But I do favour smaller theatres, as an actor and as an audience."

The greatest problem with large stages is that because of the collapse of the regional repertory system, younger actors have not experienced the kind of apprenticeship McKellen and his generation went through. Some of them reach the national companies straight from drama school, or via a television series. This is bound to mean a decline in standards. As Noble puts it somewhat bitterly, "You can have won an Oscar and not have spoken a single line of

Shakespeare."

Everything falls back on the actor's and director's crafts to conceal the difficulty of makwithout losing the truth. Cicely Berry, the RSC's voice director, believes this is possible if actors are given the chance to get used to the stage. "You have to take time to make that bigger space a friendly space.

The greatest compliment you can have in the main house is, 'I could hear every word.' It makes me angry that that is seen as the most important thing because it is the subtleties and intimacies that can get lost. I have an awful feeling that nothing is better served in a big theatre."



### "NOBODY has come to me **Hows and whys of war** and said, 'I want to learn: talk

A new exhibition marks the 350th anniversary of the English Civil War.

John Russell

Taylor reports

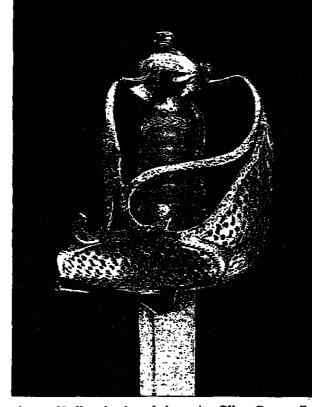
The formulation of 1066

and All That seems to have impressed itself for ever on the English consciousness: of course, the Cavaliers were wrong but romantic, the Roundheads right but repulsive. So, naturally, Charles I has entered the pantheon of martyrs and Cromwell that of secular heroes. What is not always so clear, despite the film in which they were incarnated respectively by Richard Harris and Alec Guinness, is the how and why of their conflict. If nothing else, that is the first thing that the Civil War exhibition elucidates. It is appropriate that it has

started its tour in Hull, since Hull was, after all, the scene of one of the crucial happenings of the English Civil War. Hull Town Docks Museum is direcily opposite the site of the Beverley Gate, where the town burgesses denied Charles access to the arsenal in 1642, thus providing the subject for several Victorian history paint-

Moreover, this exhibition of Civil War treasures from the Royal Armouries collection. travelling outside the Tower of London in some cases for the first time in 350 years, includes a suit of armour which there is evidence Charles II wore at the raising of the siege of Hull in 1643, being then 13 years old - which no doubt accounts for how the tallest English king was able to fit into armour possibly belonging to his father, the shortest

English king. All the later venues for the exhibition, the first such event organised by the Royal Armouries, have some specific connection with the Civil War. Coventry was besieged by the Royalists in 1642; Charles I raised his standard at Notting-ham Castle in August 1642. Worcester was the scene of both Prince Rupen's first cavain victory over the Parliamentarians in 1642 and the last rout of the Royalist army



A sword believed to have belonged to Oliver Cromwell

in 1651; Cirencester was taken by storm by Prince Rupert in 1643. The course of the three separate phases of the Civil War is made perfectly clear in this exhibition and vivid through all the local

Il this constitutes an A admirable framework for the original arms and armour on display. The show is designed to demonstrate that for all their attractions of design and material, the main exhibits had a serious warlike purpose: the weapons were meant to injure and kill, the armour to provide

practical protection. That seems hard to imagine in the case of the resplendent gilded and chased armour of Charles I, which one might assume to be for decorative and ceremonial purposes only. In fact it seems likely that the king actually wore it in battle, and for all its flashy finish it would certainly be strong enough to withstand quite heavy punishment.

For all their practical uses. the principal suits of armour

remain quite beautiful when regarded purely as artefacts, and the same is true of Cromwell's sword and other rich and ornate metalwork on view, such as the gunner's quadrant, used to calculate the elevation of a cannon's barrel. or the model cannon made for Charles 11 when a child. On the other hand, a curious tool improbably called a combined pliers, worm and vent-picker (necessary for cleaning a weapon after use) looks like an anticipation of the Swiss Army pocket-knife.

No doubt it helps if visitors are particularly interested in British history to begin with, but that is by no means the only pleasure to be obtained from this show. And if any visitors are not, in this, the 350th anniversary of England's only significant challlaunches into a sweet and enge to the monarchy, it is sure upper register, as on an probably high time they should be.

◆ The Civil War exhibition continues at the Town Docks Mu-seum. Hull (0482 593902) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1.30-4.30pm, until May 31. Sponsored by The Times.

to me." Spot the moaner in last night's Without Walls (Channel 4), which focused on Radio I's silver jubilee and (after the break!) Ingmar Bergman. Clue: he did not sport a Swedish accent. What with disc jockeys talk-

ing as if they are paid by the syllable, it seems superfluous to ask for more, but "Hang the DJ" — a "megatastic story of our favourite national institution" - went ahead arryway, and sought the views of some of Radio I's statesman-like

Dave Lee Travis was the one at whose feet people have not chosen to learn communication skills, and no wonder. In

Paid by the syllababble his own bathetic words, he is well-known for being from Manchester

Let us not be too hard on DLT. Mike Read claimed that "the old image of the disc jockey as a complete and utter jerk is not true," but with a guitar in hand and a homespun homily about the DJ as Peter Pan on his lips he was as ill-equipped to disprove it as

The station was a sitting duck 25 years ago: nowadays it is more of a bedridden turkey. It is easy to mock, but not as easy as "Mike Smash". Old Devils for real, in which pensioners told of their 11th-Paul Whitehouse's parody of a

disc jockey, tried to make it

look. Popadabadobulous. as

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he would say. Amazing, really, that the careers of a quartet of partying celebs could sound less interesting than the stories of old widows and widowers talking about love, but with "Not at Their Age 40 Minutes (BBC 2) made it happen. Minus the booze and the hwyl,

this was Kingsley Amis's The

pensioners told of their 11thhour re-marriages.

"I thought that no one would want to look at me." confessed Mary, a nona-genarian, but she had reckoned without Jim, one of her fellow residents in an old people's home, who was attracted to her partly because "she had such a lovely window". At that age, it seems, a woman does not keep her best attributes about her person. Philippa Lowthorpe's docu-

The programme quite properly drew back from making fun of its participants, and Jean, who married Bob a few weeks ago, repaid that restraint by going on the record

mentary worked on the princi-

ple that the more elderly the

couple, the more rapidly the editing cut to and fro between

them. This achieved the near-

impossible feat of making the

subject sound racy.

about septuagenarian sex. "Although we're senior citizens, we're not exactly dead from the neck down," she confided to the camera. Didn't someone once say that from the neck up, the reverse was true of disc jockeys?

JASPER REES

ROCK

### Blue collar stays crisp

cesses at home. John Mellencamp has been a notable absentee from the ranks of the North American "blue collar" rockers who court the British market. Even this twogig visit to promote a six-month-old album, Whenever We Wanted, has been accompanied by virtually no press previews or promotion. Yet the show was a triumph.

DESPITE his massive suc-

an immaculately paced dis-play of stagecraft allied to a vitality that would do credit to a performer half his 40 years. Although his band has al-

tered little over time - guitarist Mike Wanchic has been on board for 17 years — the recent recruitment of guitarist David Grissom (from Joe Ely's band) was an inspired move. It is Grissom's sweet, overcranked sound which dominates the superlative

JULIA FORDHAM is being promoted as a class act among British pop singers. She deploys her unusual voice well, if a little self-consciously, amid the ambient sound scapes created by her sevenpiece band, and occasionally

ambitious cover of Minnie Ripperton's "Lovin' You". But most of Fordham's material is self-penned and despite its surface elegance and literate lyrics there is a detached sameness about 100 many of her songs which

John Mellencamp Wembley Arena

Whenever We Wanted and at Wembley he and Wanchic provided a meaty backdrop to Mellencamp's impassioned

Drummer Kenny Aronoff provided a propulsive heavy rock foundation, while Lisa Germano (violin) and John Cascello (accordion, saxophone and keyboards) added a distinctive streak of country colouring.

Mellencamp stamped his own mark on proceedings with a confidence bordering on arrogance. A dominating presence despite the nondescript jeans, T-shirt and trainers outfit, he whipped the band through a long set that never flagged. Around him snake-hipped guitarists

Julia Fordham

invites admiration rather than involvement. It seems almost cruel to

Royal Concert Hall,

Glasgow

note that Fordham's most successful single, the recent hit "Love Moves in Mysterious Ways", was written by the veteran American duo of Dean Pitchford and Tom Snow. Delicate enough to be one of her own compositions, but with the discipline of a

wheeled and manoeuvred in loose formations and backing singers frugged futiously as numbers were scrunched up together in a feelgood canter: the chunky riffing of "Now More Than Ever", the densive sneer of "Pop Singer", the anthemic "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A." and the irresistible chug of "Hurts So Good"

among many others. In a show weighted in favour of his older songs. Mellencamp replayed the familiar themes of anti-corporatism and the celebration of the small town mentality, but made disappointingly little use of the much fresher and sexier material from Whenever We Wanted. Even so, the integrity of this remarkable performance was never in

DAVID SINCLAIR

formal structure and hummable chorus, it is one of the prettier mainstream pop songs of the past year and provided four minutes of relative drama at the end of a thunderously applauded but

one-paced show. Fordham will tour Japan now before playing the Albert Hall on May 1. Her popularity seems to be growing at a healthy rate, but a stab at collaborative songwriting might still serve her long term career aims best.

ALAN JACKSON

### ARTS BRIEF

### **Armchair** opera RADIO 3 and the Royal Op-

era have reached agreement on a scheme which guarantees that 12 Royal Opera productions will be broadcast live each year. One of the criticisms levelled against Covent Garden in recent seasons has been that comparatively few of its stagings reach the armchair audience that cannot afford seats in the stalls. But the boast by Radio 3 that the agreement will bring Royal Opera productions "live into millions of homes" seems a trifle optimistic.

Fruits of success CHARLOTTE KNOX has

won this year's W H Smith Illustration Award with her watercolour paintings for Fruit: A connoisseur's guide and cookbook, written by Alan Davidson. Last night at the Victoria and Albert Museum she was presented with a cheque for £3,000 by Sir Simon Hornby, chairman of W H Smith. Sir Simon also

V&A of work by artists who have been winners since the Quentin Blake, Peter Brookes and Posy Simmonds. A companion exhibition will tour Britain this year.

opened an exhibition at the

Acts of charity

SEATS for the National Theatre production of Uncle Vanya are hard to acquire, but a late night charity performance has been slotted in this Thursday at 11.45pm. Most of the proceeds will go to the Ian Charleson Trust, providing grants to students at LAMDA; a second beneficiary will be the family of Syd Hill, a member of the NT maintenance staff who died carlier

Last chance ...

MEN - desired, resisted or feared - are the unseen characters in I Stand Before You Naked, ten monologues for women by Joyce Carol Oates. Moments of comedy alternate with disaster, and the performances are vivid. Ends Sunday at the Offstage Downstairs, Chalk Farm (U7)

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forsaking the true path.

forever," he wrote.

Republican, if you are pro-choice." On a wider note, she insists that the Republicans' "pro-life" position goes some way in explaining why

the party has not in recent years matched its successes in presiden-

tial races with as resounding vic-

tories in the congressional and

would have been horrified to see

her marching at the well-attended pro-choice rally in Washington last

month. Although a later survey suggested that 5 per cent of the half-a-million marchers were Re-

publicans, the demonstration was

very much a Democrat affair. Both

Democrat presidential contenders,

Ms Stone's conservative friends

gubernatorial fields.

### **Apostle** to the apostles

Mary Magdalene

is more

sinned against

than sinning

Think sex, sin and Easter Sunday. Now think of the name of a woman in the New Testament. If the name isn't Mary Magdalene you're reading a different Bible from mine.

For nearly two thousand years this woman, the first person to see Christ after his Resurrection, has been presented to us as a reformed prostitute, as the very model of "the great sinner". Yet nowhere in the New Testament is there any evidence that Mary Magdalene was ever either a prostitute or a great sinner, sexual or otherwise.
So why did she get stuck with the

label? There were, after all, betterqualified candidates for the uncoveted role of great sinner. What about Paul, who persecuted Christians enthusiastically before he saw the light on the road to Darnascus? What about Peter, who denied his lord three times?

What little there is in the New Testament about Mary of Magdalene (her hometown was Magdala) shows us a woman out of whom Jesus cast seven demons and who then became a devoted disciple. She was at the cross when some others weren't, attends at the burial and, according to Mark and John. is the first person to whom Christ

appears after his Resurrection. Mary Magdalene was the one to whom Christ entrusted the Christian message that there was life after death. She rushed to tell the others and, it seems, was disbe-lieved. That's about all there is in

As the criterion of being an apostle is to have met with the risen Christ, Mary Magdalene therefore should hold a position of honour as the first apostle. And one strand of early church tradition does name her as "the apostle to the apostles". However, that was the real Mary Magdalene. The mythical one



Devoted: Mary Magdalene

proved more enduring, a composite of Mary Magdalene, the prostitute who anoints Jesus' feet, another woman who anoints Jesus and Mary of Bethany, Lazarus and Martha's sister. Somehow Mary Magdalene and the prostitute, the great sinner, who anointed Jesus. became one: a potent concoction of sex. sin, demons and penitence.

Why did this myth develop? The 'seven demons" and Mary Magdalene's status as neither virgin nor mother provide the clues. In a biblical context "demons" can often imply not only the evil sins of sexuality but also the madness to which unbridled sexuality can lead. And who is in a position to exercise "unbridled" sexuality? The adult woman is under the control of neither father nor husband. Independent. Free.

Ursula King, professor of theology at Bristol University, believes the Mary Magdalene myth has "a lot to do with the control of women's sexuality by man. As long as women are attached to some male authority figure they are seen as benign and good. But as soon as women make themselves indepen-dent of male control they are seen as highly explosive and a danger to everyone. If they are single they must be temptresses, they must be sexually misbehaving. I see Mary Magdalene as an early religious example of this attitude."

Ann Loades, reader in theology at Durham University, agrees that Mary Magdalene has had men's problems with women and sex "dumped on her". "There's absolutely no reason to connect her with prostitution and/or sexual sin."

During a radio talk which began a series called Seeds of Faith in which women reflect on themes from the Apostles' Creed\*, Professor King said: "In their ignorance. traditional churchmen and women fear the challenge and authentic power with which women speak.

... But Christian feminists think otherwise — they experience the dynamic re-interpretation of Christian laith and practice as a sign of life, a sign of hope and prophetic vision for the church, a sign of the presence of the Spirit among us, a sign of resurrection and new life."

ANN LLOYD

'Ann Loades gives the last talk in the Radio 4 series. Rose Again and Ascended, at 11.30pm on Easter Sunday.

Ann Stone, a staunch and wealthy Republican, is breaking ranks to fight the party's anti-abortion stance, Jamie Dettmer reports

### Challenging the 'big lie'



Warning lobby: Ann Stone's committee. Republicans for Choice, has raised more than \$1 million and has 50,000 names of supporters on its direct-mail computers

to set up Christians for Pornogra-The distrust many liberals feel for her is understandable. Her record is painted in the deepest conserva-

tive hue, although she insists that she has always believed privately in Her background was far from affluent. Raised in Connecticut, her

father died when she was four, and for several years her mother remained single, supporting as best she could her three children. The family's finances improved slightly when her mother re-married a truck driver. At George Washington Univer-

Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown, were there trying to drum up support. sity, where she was studying history and communications, her life took Jesse Jackson made an impasoff. There she met Roger Stone, sioned "keep hope alive" speech. Anti-Bush placards were everylater to become one of the most where. "I think the Republicans celebrated Republican political strategists, and, encouraged by him, became chairwoman of there felt they had to keep their heads down." Ms Stone says. Nothing had prepared Ms Washington Young Republicans. On graduating, the two got mar-ried, and Mr Stone, who is hated Stone's friends and enemies for the launching of Republicans for Choice. For some it was as great a by the Democrats, went to work for shock as if Mary Whitehouse were Senator Bob Dole while Ms Stone

joined Human Events, a conservative weekly magazine, as marketing manager.

The couple matched each other stride for stride as they went up the ladder of conservative politics and financial success. Mr Stone was soon glorying in being described as a "master of hardball politics". The New Republic, the political weekly, was less flattering, headlining a profile of him. "The State-of-the-Art Washington Sleazeball".

Other liberals were hardly less polite about Ann Stone when she went to work for Richard Viguerie, the guru of political direct-mail campaigning. Mr Viguerie taught her that, "mail in a political campaign is like an Indian in moccasins who can sneak up and overtake his adversaries before they know what's happening". Ms Stone learnt well and used the lesson on behalf of a variety of conservative causes, including the Nicaraguan Contras.

In April 1983, she set up the first of her own direct-mail companies. Within a few years she had banked

'Political friends fear she is sprouting horns and forsaking the true path'

her first million dollars and secured a divorce from Mr Stone. In a recent interview she said about the breakdown of her marriage: "You know you've grown apart when you go to the video store together and pick out separate videos and go to the house into separate rooms to watch them."

Ms Stone does nothing in half measures. There is a strident touch to her. She comes across as a woman without doubts.

She dismisses those Democrats and radicals who question her pro-choice sincerity and cast complicat-ed conspiracy theory webs to explain her campaigning on behalf of abortion rights. "I have always been pro-choice." she says. She explains that she was complacent about the abortion issue before the 1989 Webster decision by the Supreme Court, a decision which increased the power of states to restrict abortion. Her concern has grown as several states have exploited the decision.

Her anxiety started at the same time as Lee Atwater, the brilliant Republican political consultant and brains behind the 1988 Bush campaign, began to fear that the GOP was in danger of losing its wide appeal. Despite the fact that two pro-choice Republican action committees had already been formed, Mr Atwater, who died last year, encouraged the setting up of Republicans for Choice.

The Atwater connection provoked even more suspicion about Ms Stone's objectives. The head of another Republican pro-choice group recently alleged: "She was anointed by Lee Atwater to start this group as a way to siphon off money from other organisations that are more genuinely pro-choice." "Paranoid." is Ms Stone's response. She points out that the other Republican pro-choice groups have been less effective in raising the issue and money and that they are motivated by jealousy. She has the credentials of sincer-

ity. She claims she has lost work for her direct-mail firms because of her stand, and that she has lost friends. Mr Viguerie is "disappointed". Others on the right are angry. including Par Robertson, the fundamentalist television preacher who contested the Republican presidential nomination in 1983. Mr Robertson sees her as a raging feminist.

Slowly, the other pro-choice Republican groups are coming round to Ms Stone. This August, at the Republican convention, the antiabortionists in the party may well see the start of a concerted attempt to shift the GOP from its 1980 position. "It could be interesting," Ms Stone says, with a rather threatening twinkle in her eye.

The low status of science — and scientists — is driving one of this country's brightest prospects to the United States

### No brave new world in Britain

ike thousands of other Britains, Dr Alison Goate and her family will be heading for the United States this summer. Unlike the great majority, she is not just going for a two-week vacation to gorge on hamburgers and smile at Mickey Mouse. She has a oneway ticket and has no idea when she will be coming back. Dr Goate's family are swapping

a life of crowded tubes, late trains and drizzly mornings for a detached house, a ten-minute journey to work on the freeway and maybe even a swimming pool and Jacuzzi. Most importantly. Dr Goate is

going to a country that appreciates her work as a scientist. Washington University School of Medicine at St Louis. Missouri, is prepared to double her salary and offer her

husband a research job.

Dr Goate is one of Britain's most marketable assets. At 33, she was one of the small team of scientists at St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London who discovered the gene mutation responsible for one type of Alzheimer's disease. The discovery was acclaimed as a

major advance in understanding the mechanism of the disease and was voted the most influential scientific research last year by the Institute of Scientific Information in Philadelphia, making Dr Goate one of the highest profile young female scientists.

Dr Goate is passionate in her commitment to researching Alzheimer's disease and is very loyal about her team (mostly women). who now work with her in cramped conditions at St Mary's Hospital Medical School. At first, unlike two other members of the team, she resisted the lure of America. But her salary is £20,000 and her husband. who is also a scientist, could not find funding in Britain.

money. But it took me eight years to train to be a scientist," Dr Goate says. "I can be working 12 hours a day and I feel that I am doing something equally as important as a banker, politician or journalist."

The Americans agree. Alzheimer's disease is taken extremely seriously across the Atlantic. In Britain, as many as a million people are thought to be suffering from the disease, the incurable and most common form of dementia, which robs mainly old people of their memories, their personalities and their independence. Until the breakthough at St Mary's, little progress had been made in under-standing Alzheimer's.

"The problem was that most of the analysis looked at the brains of dead Alzheimer's patients and that is like trying to analyse a graveyard. If you can discover the relevant genes you can get right to the heart of a disease." Dr Goate says. "Our aim has been to find the genes and what is causing the disease and then start working on a way of slowing it down."

The team found one of the genes within five years and Washington University is hoping Dr Goate will be as quick to understand the causes of the disease.

"I think 'brain drain' is too scary a term, but we will not keep our position at the top if we continue to cut down on resources for science and allow too many people to go." Dr Goate says.

She feels that the main problem is that too few people in Britain understand the rudiments of science and so misunderstand its importance. "Science is for men in anoraks and sideburns, isn't it? The British love mistrusting word processors and not understanding their toasters, 90 per cent are



Missouri-bound: the United States offers a more secure future to Dr Alison Goate, Dr Frank Ashall and Juliet, their daughter

hopeless scientists and are fright-ened off by the whole process. The rest have been taking science seriously from the age of 16 and become too specialised and cut off too young. We need people to learn a mixture of all disciplines.

"Scientists are called illiterate if they haven't read Shakespeare but most politicians probably don't understand the rudiments of basic chemistry. It is unforgivable when the influence of science and technology on daily life is so evident." Dr Goate is also galled by the lack of women at the top of her

profession. "There are a lot of women in junior positions. Because

research is poorly paid and the

hours are appalling, many men just give up unless they can make it to the top. In this department 50 per cent of the researchers are women, but there is only one woman in a full-time academic position."

o how has Dr Goate succeeded? "I think going to an all-girl's school [St Albans Girls' Grammar helped. It boosts your confidence and there was no question that girls weren't good at science. I read a book called Chemistry of Life and that made me decide that I wanted to do biochemistry for a degree."

Although she is immensely satisfied with her career, being a

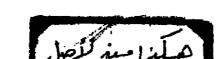
scientist has proved tougher than she thought. "If you want to have children you have to take minimal maternity leave otherwise you fall too far behind," she says. "Then you have to pay for a nanny to cover your long working hours and be prepared to move to where the jobs are. The salary just doesn't cover a mortgage in the South-east."

She knows that she has been lucky with her husband, Dr Frank Ashail. As a fellow scientist he understands the pressures. He has been working on the bio-chemistry of Chagas disease, which resembles sleeping sickness and affects thousands of people in South America. But he cannot get the funding to

continue his research. "My husband is just as good a scientist, but because Chagas is a Third World disease no one is interested." Dr Goate says. The couple's research will now complement each other. while Dr Goate teases out the genes behind Alzheimer's, her husband will work with proteins resulting

from the action of the genes. Dr Goate has worked in the US but felt homesick. She had forgot-ten why she left Britain until she saw the lack of funding in the labs and the low morale among scientists — this time she is not putting any time limit on her stay.

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### More sex with your beefcake

An erotic magazine for women is edited by a man, and women run many men's magazines. Caroline Sullivan investigates

s Britain ready for an erotic magazine aimed at women? Yes, say the publishers of Penthouse, who will launch For Women on April 30. It will be a glossy bi-monthly featuring "bold, provocative" examinations of women's carried interest. The species provided the provided in the second control of the en's sexual issues. The erotic part will be pictures of nude men.

Female-directed sex magazines are not virgin territory. Several years ago Playboy magazine introduced a female erotic magazine to Britain — Playgirl met a lukewarm reception which never heated up. It is still available as an import but few newsagents in Britain stock it.

Despite this, the team on For Women are confident that it is time to try again. They cite recent sex supplements in men's magazines such as Company and say they have received consumer requests for exactly the type000024 publication they are launching. They plan to print 100,000 copies of the first issue. The high cover-price of £2.95 is intended to convey a sense of up-market sophistication. Inside, readers will encounter "in-depth" articles, overview pieces and

As its star turn, the first issue boasts a photo-spread of "one of Hollywood's top box-office pinups". The managing editor, Isa-belle Koprowski, will not reveal the pin-up's identity, but admits the pictures were taken before he was

The non-celebrity nude photo sets, of which there are three in the first edition, will be "tasteful, aesthetic appreciations of the male form, says Ms Koprowski. They're not theatrical or crude, just very beautiful."

Apparently this was where Play-girl failed. Its models, Ms Koprowski feels, were "too American". That is to say, they were unsubtle, over-muscled and, the coup de grâce, their haircuts were terrible. For Women models will reflect British taste in beefcake.

The magazine is not aimed at specific age-groups or classes. Rather, says Ms Koprowski, the For Women woman will be distinguished by "a greater interest in sex than normal. Women who want to read about sex but want a deeper approach than conventional wom-

The magazine is edited by a man, Jonathan Richards, who also edits Penthouse. Mr Richards conceived *For Women* and, remark Ms Kowprowski, he "seemed like the natural person to edit it because he was keen to do it. We agreed that he would listen to and consult women all the time. We didn't need to recruit another woman because we've got me here."

Heaven knows, there is a need for a forum devoted to the literate discussion of women's sexuality. Women's magazine agony col-umns attest to this. For Women hopes to answer the need.

But naked men? Are they really necessary? You could probably make a case for them by invoking that industrial-strength excuse. post-feminism. Having got this far, one could argue, is it not hypocritical for women to ding to residual pretences of modesty? Shouldn't we

openly leer too?

Conversely, if we have barely even cleared the starting gate, divesting men of clothing and dignity might give women a sense self-determination. But the nudes still seem a pretty tacky idea. "I think a lot of women would feel cheated without the nudes," says Ms Koprowski. "I know I would." Ms Koprowski, though, is not an average woman, or an average female journalist. She is not only managing editor of For Women but also presides over an

empire of sex magazines that

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know I would.'

includes the monthlies Penthouse. which claims 600,000 readers, and Forum, with a claimed readership of 200,000 (she is a former editor of the latter). She has final say on all text and pictures. Forum is also edited by a woman, Elizabeth Coldwell, aged 27, and Penthouse's deputy editor is Zak Jane

The editor of Big Ones, which claims sales of 80,000 a month, is Marie Harper, and much of the text (sample cover-line "A Dozen Double-D Dames") is produced by Karen Pipeline, a cheerful 28-year-old from Pipeline.

"I think that was one of mine. I write so many I forget," she says. "I also write most of the letters. They're not that simple to do. It seems like it's just filth. But it has to be written in an appealing way. You're either good at it, or you're nor I have no qualms. It's just fun

and interesting."

Ms Koprowski says much the same ini out embellishes it with theory and literary references. Her life-long interest in sex ("I was orgasmic very early and by 11 or 12 I was reading books such as Fanny Hill" led her to pursue a PhD in Latin erotic poetry. She abandoned it to join Forum as its editor. She is articulate, engaging and fed up with justifying what she feels is a useful, fulfilling career.

"Pornography has been a scapegoat. They have never established a causal link between rape and pornography. I know a woman who has worked with sex offenders

for ten years and not one has ever blamed pornography.

The American serial killer Ted Bundy did. "When someone is criminal to Ted Bundy's extent, how can you believe anything they say?" Ms Koprowski says. "There's a book by Thomas Szasz, The Manufacture of Madness. about societal scapegoats. That is what's happened to pornography. Men don't get their attitudes towards women from porn, they get them from observing the relationship between their parents.

"We portray women aesthetically. The captions try to convey their personalities: The only thing I don't really like is some of the sex phoneline adverts, because the photos are sometimes not very tasteful. Sometimes we do ask an advertiser to change a photo."

Miss Coldwell believes there is "a large overlap" between Forum and the works of some erotic poets, like Fiona Pitt-Kethley. "It is irritating," she says. "We are not seen as literary and they are. If it appears in a hardback book it is literary, but if it is on the top shelf of a news-agent's it is not."

Forum runs its own poetry and fiction, albeit of an earthier stripe. "I'd rather use blunt language than flowery prose," says Miss Coldwell. Readers often submit pieces, there are a couple of serial poets who commit every liaison to paper and forward it to her.

"One of the nice things about my job is that you see the vulnerable side of men." Miss Coldwell says. "Normally you just see the tough, inviolate side. A magazine like Forum helps break down the hypocrisy surrounding sex."

Miss Kier adds: "If anything, we portray women very positively. They look good, the photographs are beautiful and the girls are obviously enjoying themselves in the pictures. I'd do it myself if I wasn't so pasty."

What brought her to Penthouse?

"I wanted to be in journalism, preferably on a magazine where I knew a bit about the subject. I have a tremendous curiosity about sex. I read men's magazines before I worked here. [18 per cent of Penthouse readers are female, according to its publishers.] What I hate is people who sigh and say: Don't you think it degrades women? The other thing they always ask is: 'Do you make up the letters? No. we don't

At Big Ones, where they do. Ms Piper says she has found her niche. "An ordinary person like me, with no relevant qualifications, it would have been difficult to get into journalism otherwise. This is easy for me. If we need a big-boobs letter I just pretend I'm a man and it comes easily.

"I'm quite happy to do adult writing and I don't get tired of thinking up stuff. My friends sometimes say: 'Phoaaarrr, can you write one about me? But they're



Isabelle Koprowski: For Women is aiming for readers with 'a greater interest in sex than normal'

AND BRIEFLY

### **Omelettes:** cruel food

EGGS are associated with Easter because they are seen as a symbol of new life, springtime and all good things. The Campaign Against Omelettes — a newly formed protest organisation — argues that eggs should be seen as a symbol of suffering: the suffering of battery hens. "We think it would be a better idea to eat chocolate eggs all year round." says Avis Greenwell, one of the organisers of the campaign.

Ms Greenwell is an environment health officer and a vegan who has an interest in the egg question both as a campaigner for better animal husbandry and a restaurant cus-tomer who is tired of being offered omelenes when she says she doesn't eat meat. "I'm sick of going out for 'celebration' dinners only to eat salads and chips," she says, "so we're issuing a challenge to chefs around Britain to produce something interesting and different for vegans in the time it would take to rustle up an omelette."

Further details from Campaign Against Omelettes, 155 Castle Way, Dale, Haverfordwest, Dyfed 8A62 3RN (0646 636 528).

### No meat here

ICELAND, the frozen food company, has just produced one of its "helpful hints" leaflets on "catering for vegetarians".

The leaflet, with ideas for party

food, main courses, salads, freezer foods and adapting meaty menus for a single vegetarian guest, is free to readers who send a postcard to: Vegetarian Guide, Iceland Frozen Foods, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1LE.

### **Easter luxury**

FORTNUM & MASON, longfamous for its Christmas hampers. has come up with a seasonal equivalent for Easter. The Children's Easter Basket (£) 2.75 plus £4 mail order) contains a jar of Fortnum's honey, a paper-covered pictorial egg, a chocolate hen, foilcovered chocolate and marzipan Easter eggs — all presented in a wire, duck-shaped basket.

For grown-ups there is "The Celebration Egg" full of Fortnum's vintage champagne, Fortnum's 1lb simnel cake and assorted foilcovered chocolate and marzipan eggs — all presented in a printed moire silk-covered paper egg. It costs £95 (plus £5 mail order).

### Jeweis from junk

AN INCREASING number of innovative young companies are using recycled waste products as raw materials. One such is Scrap Scrap (Unit D4, Maur's Craft Centre, Ferry Road, Jackfield, Shropshire TF8 7LS), which produces beautiful handbags, hats, vellery, candlesticks, bedspreads and mirrors out of what was once junk. "Not only is all our fabric recycled," the company boasts, "most of our accessories are too -zips are unpicked from old garments, boxes for packaging come from supermarkets, the peaks for our caps are made from plastic milk carrons and we print our own labels on scraps of fabric." Scrap Scrap products are sold at

shoulderbags sell from £50 or less. VICTORIA MCKEE

### **Tragedy of cell block C1**

X / riter and former prisoner Anna Rey-nolds's airy flat in Kilburn, north-west London, is a far cry from the highsecurity jails where she has spent two of her 23 years. Children are playing in the

gardens below, their laughter providing a poignant counterpoint to the story Ms Reynolds tells of a fellow prisoner in Holloway who killed her 13month-old child in 1986. That woman's story has provided the basis for Ms Reynolds first play, Jordan.

Shirley (not the woman's real name) tried to kill herself and her child. Jordan (also not his real name). She had a violent boyfriend, was severely postnatally depressed and wanted to be together with

hurt them. She smothered the baby and took an overdose. But she failed to kill herself. She was charged with murder and sent to prison," Ms Reynolds says. What inspired her to write

Jordan where no one could

the play was the contrast between her own knowledge of Shirley and society's judg-ment of her. "People couldn't see beyond the immensity of the fact that a mother had killed her child."

Ms Reynolds understands that simution all too well. For, at the age of 18. Ms Reynolds killed her mother.

Ms Reynolds had suffered from severe Premenstrual Syndrome which dramatically affected her behaviour. However, at her trial this was not known and Ms Reynolds was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Two years later, in a ruling that made legal history, definitive clinical evidence proved her medical condition, her sentence was commuted to manslaughter and she was released on probation.

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Jail play: Anna Reynolds

Like Shirley, the protagonist of her play. Ms Reynolds will never forgive herself for what she has done. When you ask her about herself there is a sudden vulnerability, a brittle nerviness that halts her speech. She is still bruised by "the stripping away of personality which she feels is a function of the prison system.

Shirley and Ms Reynolds met in C1, Holloway's high security psychiatric wing. "Shirley was better treated than most nonces (the term for sex offenders in men's prisons, used for women who have abused or killed children in women's jails) because everybody could see she was a classic depressive, she cried all the time. The worst thing was that C1 adjoined the mother and baby unit so Shirley could

hear babies crying." Hardly surprisingly that Ms Reynolds espouses campaigns for humanising the prison regime, but she believes reform of the system comes second to reforming peoples' perception of a 'criminal': "I don't believe that some people are intrinsically evil. So I don't believe in punishing them in an inhumane way. If you feel remorse for what you've done,

Two women who killed loved ones met in jail and a drama was born

Shirley did, like I do. If you don't, no prison will ever change you. Of course, society needs to be protected from some individuals, but they could be humanely contained containment is a very different concept to imprisonment."
But how is this altering of

perception to come about? Anna believes one of the most powerful tools can be drama. Jordan is not a naive play. It does not seek to exonerate Shirley, nor does it find an easy scapegoat in the maledominated legal system. It invites the audience to make an imaginative leap beyond the horror of Shirley's act to gain insight into the workings of her mind. The final text, a combination of Anna's raw from Moira Buffini, the actress who plays Shirley, carries tremendous emotional

**ELLEN CRANITCH** Jordan opens at the Lilian Baylis Theatre, Sadiers Wells, on Tuesday, April 21 and runs until May 16 (Box Office 071-837 4104)

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### How society relies on its volunteers

he charity industry, with an annual turnover of up to £18 billion, represents 4 per cent of gross domestic product, larger than the agriculture sector. If the volunteer time was costed, the sector could represent 10 per cent, according to the Charities Aid Foundation.

The number of registered charities, 170,000 at present, is expected to show a 4,000 increase when the Charity Commission annual report is published next month.

This year's Charities Act makes improved supervision of charities possible by strengthening the commission's powers to remedy abuse. Like most industries, however, the voluntary sector has been hit hard by the recession. The main item on the agenda of almost every charity today is

A recent report by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations showed a fall in

The industry that helps others is worth billions but often struggles for funds, writes Ruth Gledhill

£29.4 million during the past year, projected to be £42.4 million by 1992-3. This represents 7.4 per cent of spending by local authorities on the

Judy Weleminsky, the coun-cil's director, says that if volun-tary groups decided to call it a day, local services would collapse. Speaking at Charityfair in Islington, north London. she said many groups face regular funding crises, receive little or no help from statutory sources and have been badly hit by changes in government policy over the years.

She said: "During the past two years in particular, many oluntary organisations have been reporting growing financial difficulties with local authorities. This has come at a time when company giving

has decreased, individual giving has diminished and central government has been effectively capping much local

'Charity Trends", the Charity Aid Foundation's survey of the 400 largest charities, says voluntary income in 1990-1 was almost the same as in the previous year, showing a 1 per cent increase in real terms to £1.3 billion. The increases in giving during the late 1980s had tailed off to practically

Some of the bigger charities had a record year in 1990-1. Group, formed by several The voluntary income of the charities to encourage in-200 largest charities rose by 9 per cent in real terms. Michael Brophy, the execu-

creased giving. At present 3 per cent of wills contain a gift to charity. Mr Brophy is tive director of the Charities calling for more legacy giving. Payroll giving and gift aid also Aid Foundation, says that but for legacies the voluntary inneed to be promoted, he says.

come of charities might have fallen. "The degree to which the top charities are dependent on continuing legacy income is very remarkable," he says. "However, one would feel more comfortable with growth across the various forms of income. Basically, more and bigger gifts from living donors Although fund-raising is be-coming harder, charities are spending more. Spending on charitable work by the top 200 rose by 6 per cent in real terms, and in money terms by more than £200 million. Many charities dug into reserves to Mr Brophy believes the answer lies in higher amounts

Charity cash call: Michael Brophy highlights legacies

### **Training for trustees**

finding shortcomings in the way charities are governed, just as industry is preoccupied with exploring how boards of directors can better police

A working party set up by the Charities Commission and the National Council for Vol-untary Organisations is finding that many, perhaps even most, charitable trustees in England and Wales are illprepared to provide the responsible direction needed. A survey of voluntary organ-

isations' management committees and boards commissioned by the working party found, among other things: Two-thirds of the officers who are trustees of their charities under the law are unaware of their legal responsibilities:

Only between a third and a half of charitable trustees receive adequate information

Voluntary bodies must be properly governed, just like companies

about their own or their org-anisation's role or about their responsibilities as trustees; Only one in five receives any recognisable induction:

Only one in eight is given relevant training.

of giving. He wants more

The working party also found that respect for the commitment and hard work of paid staff often leads trustees to ignore their equally important duties. In charities of any size, management committees can become wholly dependent on staff for information and guidance, undermining their ability to scrutinise or regulate the work of these employees.

vulnerable bodies are those moving from being small groups with few financial as-Winifred Turnin, the chair sets to large wealthy groups of the Royal National Institute before their regulatory systems for the Deaf, and of the can cope with the change. The Manic Depression Felworking party, voices some of

the least clear remit of all." causing to the voluntary sec-

Mrs Tumin says the most

lowship, a mental health char-

ity in Twickenham, Middle-

sex, has spent a great deal of

time and effort tackling this

problem. Ten years ago. the fellowship had fewer than 200

has topped 2,500 and the

charity runs more than 100

self-help groups in England,

Chris Joseph, the chair of

the executive, explains: "The

constitution could not cope

with the strain. There were no

clear guidelines between

Wales and Scotland.

tor's regulatory bodies.
"Charities in the UK control more than £17 billion and employ 200,000 staff," she says. "The poor recognition and support given to charitable trustees and management vacuum that paid staff cannot fill and which could result in charities failing to reach their tion and training. objectives, losing funds and even engaging inadvertently in illegal activity."

forms as particularly important because many of the directors themselves suffer from manic depression. In July the working party

will publish recommendations to promote the better induction and training of trustees. These will almost certainly include calls for better government funding and flexible training programmes similar to those provided to parent governors of schools, local councillors and nonexecutive company directors.

• Information about the working party on trustee training is available from Tim Dartington. National Council for Voluntary
Organisations, 26 Bedford
Square, London W1 (071-636
4066). The Manic Depression Fellowship is at 13 Rossiyn Road. n. Middlesex TWI 2AR (081-892 2811)

where the work of the execu-tive started and that of the paid staff ended. Our elected management council, the charity's legal directors, had

In preparation for a fundraising and membership drive, the fellowship brought in outside consultants to help the management council to overhaul the constitution. This year the rules governing the election of directors will be tightened and all new directors will receive formal induc-

Mr Joseph sees these re-

MICHEL SYRETT



British charities will be in the front line of changing social needs

narities now find themselves centre-stage in the most significant restructuring of the welfare state since its inception, says the report "Changing Europe" (National Council for Voluntary Organisations. £7.95). Many of the voluntary sec-

tor's concerns are outside the competence of the European Community at present, Ruth Gledhill writes. The report says, however, that the changes brought about by the EC will affect all voluntary and

community organisations.

The report says: "No organisation can afford to ignore what is happening within the EC. The decisions taken about its future will change the political and economic context

Increasing contracting-out. in community care particular-ly, has given UK charities a greater role. The 1989 Children Act urged local authorities to develop partnerships with child care and protection.

The report gives the warning: "The paradox for voluntary organisations is that as they face the challenges of tendering and subcontracting and providing for increasing social needs, many are simultaneously suffering a severe and sometimes fatal financial

The report's authors. Sean Baine, John Bennington and Jill Russell, believe the single European market and related developments could cause increased unemployment in bers living in poverty and a reduction in social rights for migrants and refugees.

They predict that voluntary and community organisations will be in the front line of changing social needs. They say: "Organisations involved with advice-giving will need to equip themselves with new information on rights within the EC - the rights of Europeans to work in different counmigrants working in the EC.

Public sector contracts will be opened to greater competition. These will include services such as care for children and elderly people and recycling of waste. Some large voluntary organisations will be able to tender for contracts in member states, but could also face increased competition from abroad in the UK.

The threat of increased VAT bills has been lifted for the time being. VAT could eventu-



Michael Norton: pressure

ally be approximated throughout the EC, although zero rates in existence at the beginning

Other employment proposals, such as extending the rights of full-time workers to part-timers, could affect many charities, although the report of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations notes

A new health and safety directive to come into force next January will require safety requirements for VDU operators. The EC directive on driving licences could require charities to spend large sums

ichael Norton, of the Directory of Soeffective use of charitable resources, says the voluntary experience of charities in the rest of Europe.

Mr Norton says: "In the member states there are 12 different definitions of charities and 12 different means of giving tax relief. Some problems extend across national boundaries, like racism, refu-

As international fund-raising increases. Mr Norton sees increasing pressure to harmonise legal and fiscal treatment of charities across Europe.

Conferences organised by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and the Directory of Social Change this summer will examine EC legal and fiscal structures, how to move into Europe and how to obtain grants from European trusts and foundations.



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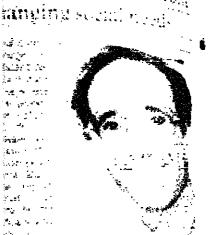
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### Partners for good health

Kate Holley looks at charities that achieve best results through collaboration

hild 2000, a child health charity, which committed to immunising 95 per cent of all children by 1996 against diseases such as measles, mumps and polio - was reborn last year. The organis-ation, founded in 1983 as the National Rubella Council, aims to wipe out rubella and other serious childhood diseases in Britain by 2000.

Enlisting celebrities in its education schemes, the charity has grown, from concentrating on rubella, to cover a much wider range of immunisation projects and research into serious and some potentially fatal childhood diseases. Fiona Fountain, of Child 2000, says last year was the first since records began that no child has died from measles in Britain. Child 2000 must take

much of the credit. The charity is about to start research to discover why so many parents still fail to have their children inoculated. Although nine out of ten children nationwide are vaccinated against rubella, in some inner city areas this figure falls to fewer than six out of ten. Child 2000 is now working



Protecting the young. Child 2000 wants most children vaccinated against the common diseases within four years

with other charities, providing information and services for professionals and the public. Child 2000, which needs more than £80,000 every year, believes collaboration with other groups is the best way to

make programmes succeed. This month, Help the Aged will celebrate its first year of partnership with the Rural Development Commission on a number of projects. One project at Rossendale, Lancashire, developed a home visiting scheme, emergency telephone systems, community transport and ways of repairing old housing. Help the Aged and the commission will donate £150,000 each over three years to support projects in rural areas throughout England.

Charities are working in a climate of decreasing govern-ment aid. Help the Aged is keen to publicise the view, put forward by Robin Guthrie, the chief charity commissioner, that charities must "invest money in order to raise money". Alliances with commerce, industry, local authorities and other volunteer agencies have given the charity new impetus and greater influence in a society where there is increasing competition for funds and

John Mayo, the directorgeneral of Help the Aged. believes in working with other charities to provide the most efficient, cost-effective services. Help the Aged already gives

elp the Aged, which ranks ninth in the recent Charities Aid Foundation survey of the 200 leading charities, raised more than £33.9 million last year. Its recent fund-raising schemes include events such as the Unisys Golf Tournament, which aims to encourage both amateur and professional

sports people to raise money through sporting events. Showbusiness stars such as Lionel Blair have helped, be-ginning with the Bin Bag Auction in Covent Garden, central London.

New work with the Salvation Army created a new community centre for all ages in Winton, near Bourne-mouth, Dorset, which opened

At the end of March another charity appeal, No-Menacing Week, was begun as part of Tommy's Campaign, an initiative at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to help parents to have healthy babies. The

younger children, used the children's comic character Dennis the Menace to pro-

mote a No-Menacing Club. Tommy's Campaign intends to raise £5 million for a new National Centre of Excellence in Fetal Health at the hospital and is being run in support of the Baby Fund charity. The campaign aims to involve people of all ages in fun, creative activities and events". In February Tommy's Potty Club was started, aimed at encouraging the staging of sponsored Potty Events, such as a haggis hunt in Glasgow. The scheme already involves the Girl Guides and the Working Mothers Association, and National Potty Day is planned for the autumn.

The campaign highlights the difficulties many charities face because the NHS cannot fund some services. Instead, hospitals and organisations must seek outside financial assistance. Lucy Nelson, the campaign's managing director, says: "Although the NHS is sympathetic, it is unable to provide all the resources needed."

As 600,000 babies are born too small or too early every year in the UK, the hospital plays an important role in caring for both parents and children. A centre of excellence should provide research that will benefit women and babies nationally and internationally

Already £1.5 million has been pledged by Gateway Foodmarkets and a group of leading financial institutions.

was formed under the auspi-

ces of the Council for Charita-

ble Support, chaired by Lord

Whitelaw, to consider whether

charities could work together

to raise giving. The group is planning a campaign to

promote giving. The group's

research found 20 per cent do

not give, 10 per cent are active

givers, seeking opportunities to lend support, and 70 per

cent are passive givers, donat-

ing when asked.

### In pursuit of the professionals

CHARITY work is growing in who want to change careers, appeal to executives, woman returners and academics at a time of growing need for professionalism in the voluntary sector. According to the annual voluntary sector salary survey by CR Charity Recruitment, highest paid charity staff earn on average 79 per cent of their counterparts' salaries in comparable commercial organisations.

The average salary of a chief executive in the larger charities is £39,000, compared with £50,325 in the commercial sector.

Olga Johnson, CR Charity Recruitment's chief executive. says: "What some charities are lacking in basic salary power they are trying to offset by offering attractive benefits packages." In charities with an income of more than £3 million, 40 per cent offer their chief executives cars. 30 per cent have relocation policies. 42 per cent give more maternity leave than legally necessary and more than 90 per cent provide pensions.

Basic pay increases for charity staff averaged 9.5 per cent in the 12 months to February 1992, compared with 5.5 per cent in the commercial sector. Despite the lower pay, there is no shortage of people

wishing to work in the sector. Working for a Charity, an organisation helping those

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started in January 1990 and is on its fifth course. More than six out of ten people from the first course found charity jobs. Susanna Cheal, who founded the baby life support systems charity Bliss with £10 and has seen it raise several millions of pounds, is one of the organisers. She says: What we provide is orientation to the culture. We have a lot of people who are trying to get into charity work but failing to make the shortlist.

After our course, they do."

Bob Glatter, a partner at the London accountancy firm Blick Rothenberg, says many charities are run by wellmeaning amateurs, good at raising money but bad at administration.

Ms Cheal says: "There is a big difference between a profit-making company and the charity sector. There is no return for shareholders. All you get from investing in a charity is a sort of warm feeling. There is the challenge of marketing an issue with no profits and no resources.

"You have to be persuasive and creative. Some people who want to work for a charity think they are getting out of the rat race. We tell them they are just becoming a different

RUTH GLEDHILL

Re-enactment Workshop brings to life issues surrounding charity and treatment of the poor at the recent Charityfair in London.

The re-enactment was commissioned by the Charities Advisory Trust, which was set up ten years ago with Home Office funding. The trust believes the earliest charity act showed prejudices still relevant today, Ruth Gledhill writes. The trust is planning seminars and reports on this

imposes new regulations to control the sale of goods for charity.

A survey of 200 charities by Elizabeth Hiscock, a research officer with the trust, found 78 per cent were trading but 17 per cent were making a

The trust, best known for publishing Christmas cards for more than 100 charities. has recently helped to turn some charities' trading companies from loss to profit.

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How the charities are exercising imagination to attract funds

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Of the church's 43 dioceses, 20 have met their targets. Funds have been secured to award grants at present levels until 2003, seven years short of the 20-year target. Last year 186 grants went to locally run church-linked projects. This year about 50 grants have been made, making 500 projects supported since the

fund began. Events have cut across every barrier of race and social status. Parishioners from Blackburn, Lancashire, tackled the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales in less than 24 hours, raising £2,500. The Rt Rev Tom Butler, Bishop of Leicester,

dimbed 50 church steeples. Members of the general synod slept out in cardboard boxes, raising more than £13,500 for projects for homeless people. Martin Field, the communications director, said: "By using the real experts, those

who live and work in urban communities, initiatives supported by the fund have a deserved reputation for being practical, cost-effective and good value. The fund works ly with musts. respected by the corporate sector, which has donated more than £3.2 million." Giving to all charities by the

corporate sector has been sustained during recession, re-ports a survey in the magazine Corporate Citizen.

The survey found the largest corporate donors increased charitable giving by I per cent in real terms last year. Four-teen of the 100 leading chari-ties more than doubled their donations, and 30 gave more



Vital job: most workers raise money, says Ruth Horton

than £1 million between July 1990 and June last year. Some companies give a proportion of pre-tax profits to the community through the Per Cent Club. According to the report "Charity Trends". published by the Charities Aid Foundation, just over 5 per cent of the total income of Britain's charities comes from companies. Equally important non-cash contributions are made in the form of manage-

ment expertise and facilities. Local authority funding, however, is falling, says a report by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. At the same time, a Directory of Social Change report shows increasing numbers of NHS hospitals turning to charity to raise money.

In the present climate, a higher than ever premium is being placed on fund-raising efforts by volunteers. Ruth Horton, the editor of Step by Step, published by the Volunteer Centre, says most volunteers are involved in raising

The guide offers practical advice on making fund-raising enjoyable, preparing con-tingency plans in case a celebrity fails to appear, and keeping everybody informed of the outcome.

A national survey by the Volunteer Centre found that up to 23 million adults were involved in volunteering in the UK annually. One of the main challenges

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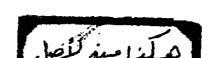
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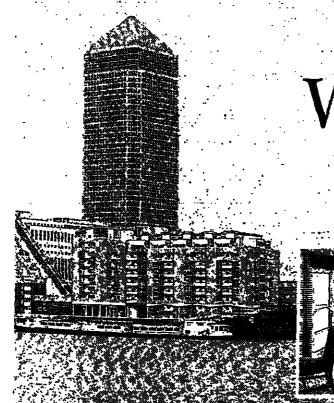
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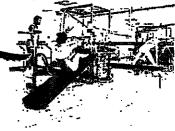
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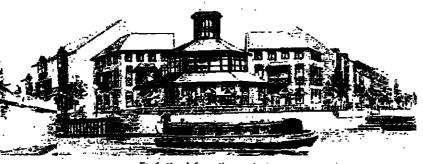




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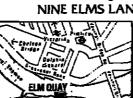
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ow that the Tories have won, whither house prices? The expens last week even disagreed on what has happened in the past three months. Whereas the Halifax reported quarterly falls in every region, Nationwide's rival house price index was more optimistic, with prices up 2 per cent in Scotland, 2.7 per cent in Northern Ireland and 3.2 per cent in Yorkshire and Humberside.

Nationwide's index has a smaller sample size, but claims more sophisticated methodology. Both indices suffer from their derivation from the properties on which the lenders have offered mortgages and therefore tend to exclude premium properties.

With these reservations, the best analysis comes from combining the two indices, using the more pessi-mistic Halifax as a check on the Nationwide.

The quarterly figures chart price changes from December last year to March this year and show where prices are falling fastest. Both societies reflect dramatic falls in the

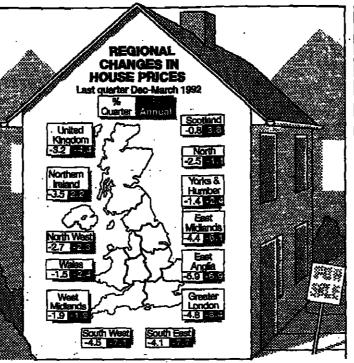
The worst-hit areas are East Anglia, with price falls of 5.9 per

cent, the Halifax says, and falls of 3.2 per cent. the Nationwide says. The Halifax quarterly figure is nearly as much as the entire annual fall of 6.9 per cent. Greater London shows a 4.1 per cent fall, the Halifax reports, while the Nationwide shows a 3.7 per cent fall in Greater London and a 4.6 per cent fall in the outer metropolitan area; the South-West a 4.5 per cent fall (the Halifax) and a 5.2 per cent fall (the Nationwide): and the South-East a 4.1 per cent fall (the Halifax) and a 2.9 per cent fall (the Nationwide).

These falls will continue until the summer, analysts say, although the rates of fall will be less dramatic. The best possible time to buy will be early June, when analysts predict that prices will begin to rise.

"The South has got to turn now," says Dr John Wriglesworth, housing analyst from UBS Phillips and Drew. "The falls reflect the political uncertainty that has prevailed in the first quarter. Now people have been relieved of the fear of significant income falls, plus the relief of a Tory victory.
"These falls should be reversed

by the summer. The South should lead the progress out of recession."



The latest Halifax survey shows a fall in all regions. But some areas may show a rise this summer

First-time buyers in London might consider buying now, scoop-ing up the repossessed bargains to be had. David Gilchrist from the Halifax notes that the differential between house prices in the North, taking Yorkshire, and in the South. taking London, is at its lowest for some time. Prices in London are

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our relationship with Europe and the Channel tunnel on the South." In the North, prices will again recover, but not until the late autumn. The boom in house prices both started later, and finished later, with price rises and falls more "People didn't borrow so much

as interest rates were already high Therefore they haven't been hit as hard," says James Barty, UK economist at Morgan Grenfell.

From early summer in the South. and early autumn in the North, Dr Wriglesworth predicts 5 per cent price inflation at a rate of about 1 per cent a month until the end of the year, and price rises of 6 per

cent next year.

Dr Wriglesworth tends to be right. In May 1991, his forecast that there would be no recovery in house prices throughout 1991 turned out to be the most accurate among the analysts. He was nearly spot-on in his predictions that there would be 80,000 repossessed properties. (There were just over

The forecasts of the Halifax, Nationwide, and the Building Societies Association are all roughly in line with those of Dr Wriglesworth. Inevitably, such predictions are finely balanced. The recovery could start sooner, and may catch out slow decision-makers who underestimate the time it takes either to sell or buy. It seems unlikely that the government will extend the suspen-

sion of stamp duty indefinitely and slow movers may miss out. All agree, though, that there is no question of missing out on great house price rises. "We do not expect that there will be a great surge in the next 18 months." Mr Barty says. Houses these days are for living in.

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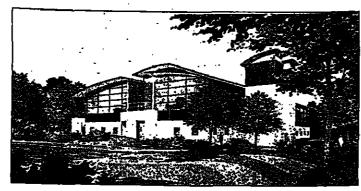
he general election result has been greeted with enthusiasm by the property market, for ending political uncertainty as well as for the Conservatives' victory.

Chris Bartram, managing partner of Jones Lang Wootton, said the result was good for both the investment and tenant market. The Conservative government would provide an immediate boost to business and the financial markets. which he believed would feed into the property industry.

This is welcome news to all sectors and to all regions, and is likely to increase the momentum of development in Wales, where bodies such as the Welsh Development Agency (WDA) have been fighting to bring investment to the area.

Although the Welsh commercial

property market has been quietened by the recession, the agency can point to encouraging signs.
Manufacturing growth in Wales
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Databank last year concluded that Wales has weathered the first phase of the downturn in industrial growth better than the rest of the UK, forecasting that its rental growth would outperform the national average every year until

One way in which the agency has been attracting development is through its Welsh Property Venture Initiative, set up in 1990 to foster joint venture schemes between the agency, developers and local authorities. During 1991-2, 18 new projects under the scheme have been started, double the number in the scheme's first year, 1990-1.

Current projects under the scheme include a £100 million million joint development scheme between BICC Developments and London & Edinburgh Trust, has just been launched.

Queens Arcade is due for completion in 1994 and will have 140,000 sq ft of stores and shops.

The Cardiff Bay Development Corporation is confident that its controversial plan for a barrage to provide a 500-acre lake and eight miles of waterfront and unlock development land, will be approved by Parliament. The bill to enable the barrage has reached the standing committee stage, and the corporation hopes work could start early next year.

This will provide a further boost

for the area, which recently saw the Welsh Health Common Services Authority become the first organisation to locate to the 40-acre Capital Waterside development in Cardiff Bay. Grosvenor Square Properties Group, property dev-elopment arm of Associated British Ports Holdings, has agreed a 150,000 so ft pre-let on a 25-year lease. The 174-acre Capital Waterside scheme is the largest waterside scheme to be undertaken by Grosvenor Square. Planning consent has so far been given for 800,000 sq ft of offices, some 200 residences, and hotel, retail and leisure



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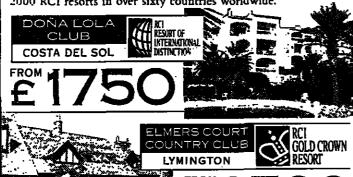
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### Council made incorrect charges to housing revenue account

Regina v Ealing London Borough, Ex parte Lewis

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Russell [Judgment April 3]

The phrase management of houses and other property", used in Item 1 of Part 11 of Schedule IV to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to denote housing authority could properly charge to its housing revenue account should be given a wide

While, however, certain items might lie on the borderline of an authority's housing management function and might therefore fall within its discretion to charge to that account, others were dearly incapable in law of coming within

Where, therefore, an authority charged to its housing revenue account the whole of the time spent by the case work and assessment staff of its homeless claims of homeless applicants re-house those applicants it was acting ultra vires.

Similar considerations applied ployed in connection with part of service, since their duties could not be said to fall exclusively within the description of "man-agement of houses or other property". Those salaries should therefore not have been charged

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, Lord Justice Woolf dissenting in part, allowing an appeal from the order of Mr Justice Simon Brown on December 19. 1991, whereby he dismissed an application by Jenniler Marie Lewis, a tenant of the London Borough of Ealing, for judicial review of the authority's decisions to charge certain items of expenditure to the authority's

Mr Andrew Arden, QC and Mr Martin Westgate for the tenant; Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Alan Wilkie for Ealing.

housing revenue account.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the court was concerned with the statutory "ring fencing" of a local housing authority's housing revenue account.

Ring fencing had been intro-duced by Part VI of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The legislative purpose had been to secure that the housing revenue account should be selfhalancing, that is, that it should not be subsidised out of the general rate fund, as it had then been called, or be subject to expenditure not properly attributable to housing or other property within the account. The keeping was governed by Schedule IV to the 1989 Act.

The instant case turned on Item I of Part II of the schedule. which covered: "The expenditure of the authority for the year in respect of the repair, mainte-nance, supervision and managethe secretary of state so directs, this item shall include, or not include, such expenditure as may be determined by or under the

The applicant challenged the way in which the council had dealt with three items of excenditure in the 1991/1992 estimates:

(i) the homeless persons unit; (ii) the housing advisory service and (iii) the sheltered housing service. Before dealing with each of those headings his Lordship would make general comments on the scope of Item 1. The provision which enabled the secretary of state to direct an

item of expenditure to be includ-

ed or not included in Item 1 appeared to give him a wide discretion. But it did not enable him to go outside the stannory language. Thus he had no power to include in Item I an item of expenditure which was not in respect of the repair, maintenance, supervision or management of houses or other property" according to the ordinary and natural meaning of those words.

2 By the same token, the local housing authority could not go outside the statutory language. If an item of expenditure fell within Item 1 on its true construction, it had to be debited. If it did not fall within Item 1, or some other item in Part II of the schedule, then it

3 The phousing revenue accountse "management of houses and other property should be given a wide

could not be debited.

4 The fact that the secretary of state had a limited discretion in

there were items of expenditure which, on the true construction of the statutory language, might fail on the borderline. Local authori-ties had a discretion to include or authority. exclude such items, subject to any direction by the secretary of state

authority's discretion. 5 Whether any particular item of expenditure fell within Item 1 was a question of fact. Whether it was capable of so falling was a question of law.

but that was the limit of the local

The fact that Ealing, or other local authorities, had included a particular item of expenditure within their housing revenue account prior to the 1989 Act threw very little light on the true con-struction of Item 1. The whole purpose of Part VI of the 1989 Act had been to introduce, by gradual stages, a degree of Homeless persons unit

The estimates for 1991/1992 showed that 79.7 per cent of the cost of the homeless persons unit would be charged to the housing revenue account and the balance of 20.3 per cent to other accounts. The homeless persons unit comprised 64 staff. 30.2 members of staff were engaged in case work and assessment arising out of the authority's statutory duties under Part III of the Housing Act

In 1990/1991 there had been 2.400 homeless housing applications in Ealing. Of those, 1,100 had been provided with permanent housing. The other 1,300 had been notified of the

they were not homeless, or that they were intentionally homeless. or that they had no priority need.

Ealing recognised that time spent by staff on those 1,300 applicants after the decision not to re-house them could not lawfully be charged to the housing revenue account. Accordingly only 75 per cent of the total salary bill of the 30.2 members of staff engaged in case work and assessment had been charged to the If his Lordship was right that housing revenue account. The balance of 25 per cent had been charged to the general fund.

per cent was much too low. It meant that the whole of the time spent by the staff in question on the 1,300 applicants before the decision not to re-house had been charged to the housing revenue account. That could not he said.

Mr Arden accepted that "management of houses and other property" was wide enough to include the selection of tenants. That was clearly right. It followed that the real dispute between the parties was when the process of selection could be said to start. Mr Goudie argued that selection started as soon as a homeless person made an application for housing, as virtually all of them did. The enquiries which the authority was obliged to make under section 62(1) of the 1985 into the into the possible sness of the applicant.

and the further enquiries under

section 62(2) as to the applicant's priority need, and so on, were all

part of a continuous process of selection, even though in the majority of cases, as had been seen, the applicant ended up without permanent housing.

Mr Arden said that that was not so. Although he could not point to the precise moment at which tenant selection started, it did not include the preliminary ng of applications under Part III of the 1985 Act. That was not management of the council's houses or other property but management of the homele

Ealing had no discretion to go outside the statutory language. then the issue turned on the construction of Item 1. By including the whole of the costs of case work and assessment prior to the decision under section 64 of the 1985 Act, the

'Management of houses and other property" should be given a wide meaning. But his Lordship could not envisage any meaning so wide as would include the whole of the costs to which he had

strued Item 1.

He concluded that the authority must have gone outside the statute, which it was not permitted to do. The court could not, of course, say what part, if any, of those costs should be included in the housing revenue account. That would be for Ealing to decide in the light of the

judgment. What the court could, and should, decide was that by includ-ing the whole of the costs prior to Housing advisory service

It had been common ground that the housing advisory service stood or fell with the homeless nersons unit. Sheltered housing service

The court was concerned with sheltered housing schemes. and in particular with the salaries of the 34 wardens and 15 relief wardens. In the 1991/1992 estimates, their salaries were charged to the housing revenue account. Mr Arden argued that at least

part of their salaries should be charged to the general fund, since many of the duties and functions of wardens were of a social service character, rather than a housing character Mr Goudie relied on the 1989

survey, which showed that 80 per cent of those responding regarded warden services as falling mue account, and only 8 per cent as falling wholly outside that account. His Lordship did not recard the second on the second of regard the survey as throwing much light on the true construction of Item 1.

Mr Goudie had also argued that the role of the warden was one of "enhanced management" rather than the provision of care. need to provide the sort of services which were described in the warden's job description, the job of basic management and maintenance could be performed by someone less qualified and therefore presumably at smaller cost. It did not matter how the

vices, or by some other name. The question was whether those additional services could properly be regarded as coming within the description of "management of

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Despite Mr Goudie's argument, his Lordship would answer that question in the negative. Some split in the wardens' saia-

ries was clearly required. LORD JUSTICE WOOLF. dissenting on the question of the wardens' salaries, said that Mr Arden had taken the court through a schedule of the warden's duties, allocating those duties to management or to welfan activities. He submitted that that task should have been performed His Lordship fully accepted

that the authority could have adopted that approach but did not accept that they were required as a matter of law to do so It could certainly be contended being provided for the category of tenant in question, on account of the age of those who were accommodated, proper management of

the accommodation did require a full-time warden. Lord Justice Russell delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Woolf on the questions of the homeless persons unit and the housing advisory service and agreeing with Lord Justice Lloyd on the matter of the wardens

Solicitors: Alan Edwards & Co. Notting Hill: Mr Richard

### Objecting to school closure plans

Regina v Wandsworth London Borough Council. Ex parte Andrew Milne

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Beldam

Liudement April 61 Two separate objections under section 12(3) of the Education Act 1980 to a proposal for school closure or reorganisation could not be read together so as to constitute a single valid objection. For such an objection to be valid, there had to be an identified proposal which was in fact submitted by ten or more

The Court of Appeal so held in upholding an appeal by Wandsworth London Borough Council against an order of Mr Justice Kennedy made on February 24, 1992 quashing the council's deision to close Beaver's Holt primary school.

Section 12 of the 1980 Act provides: "(1) Where a local education authority intend - . . . (c) to cease to maintain any county school . . . they shall publish their proposals for that purpose ...

(3) Any ten or more local electors for the area may within the period of two months after the first publication

Duke of Westminster and

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

Justice Balcombe and Sir Mich-

The terms of a 999-year lease of five acres of land by the Duke of

Westminster to Westminster City Council, made pursuant to heads

minster City (Millbank) Improve-ment Act 1929, did not impose a

continuing statutory obligation on the council to use the houses

constructed on the land as dwell-

ings for the "working classes" and

for no other purpose. Further, the council was not precluded from

[Judgment April 7]

objection to the proposals to the local education authority . . . and the authority by whom the pro-posals were made shall within one month after the end of that period transmit to the secretary of state copies of all objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) in that

Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Nigel Giffin for the local au-thority: Mr Andrew Nicol for Mr

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that in May 1991 Wands-worth council had published a statutory notice proposing the closure of Beaver's Holt primary On June 28, an objection

signed by ten people was submitted, but one of the signatories was not a qualified person, not being a local government elector for the On July 15, the last day objec-tions could be submitted, a second objection was lodged. It was again signed by ten people but

two were not qualified persons. Three of the signatories had also signed the first objection.

Fourteen local electors had appended their signatures to one or other of the objections and in

ings.
The Court of Appeal so held in

allowing an appeal, following a compromise agreed between the parties, by Westminster City Council from parts of the judgment of Mr Justice Harman

([1991] 4 All ER 136) that had

granted declarations sought by the trustees of the will of the second Duke of Westminster.

Paul Morgan for the council; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Mr Frank Hinks for the trustees.

Mr Kim Lewison, QC and Mr

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE

said the dispute concerned the city council's Grosvenor Housing

Scheme: a development to pro-vide some 600 dwellings to re-

Could the two documents taken together be regarded as a valid objection? Each was not signed by the required number of people. Both were defective as valid

Two principal matters arose. It was submitted below and the judge had held that it was sufficient if objections were submit-ted which in total were objections by ten local government electors whether they referred to each other or not or whether or not there was any similarity of the one to the other.

In his Lordship's view the matter turned almost wholly on the provisions of section 12(3) of the 1980 Act taken in its context.

The term "an objection" was deliberately used in the section to indicate that such an objection must be one by ten or more local government electors. It was clearly intended that the local authority might look at each objection as it came in and determine whether it was a valid

There was nothing in either of the objections before the court to indicate that it referred to or was supported by the other. The two objections, each of which was in

flooded in 1928 by the Thames.

between the parties and the 1929

private Act, the Duke of West-

minster in 1937 leased the land that was to be used for the

development to the city council for

Two issues arose for consideration. First, did the heads of

agreement and the 1929 Act impose on the city council a

continuing statutory obligation to use the dwellings constructed on the premises demised by the lease

the premises demised by the lease as dwelling for the working

The wording of clause 2 of the agreement that "the council to

provide and erect on the housing site housing accommodation

by tenants of any of those dwell- nineteenth century houses,

together so as to constitute one valid objection. LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, agreeing, said it was necessary for the local authority to comply with the technical requirements of section 12(3) because they were liable to be judicially reviewed if they wrongly submit-ted invalid objections to the sec-

submit valid objections. the face of the document or documents making up the objection that ten or more local government electors for the area were submitting the same objection either by signing it or by signing a document in which they expressly associated themselves

retary of state or if they failed to

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said he saw no express requireobjecting nor a requirement that the objection be signed. His Lordship considered it desirable not to lay down any guidance as to what was laid down by the section. It was a question of fact. There must be an identified proposal which was in fact submitted by ten or more electors. He would also allow the appeal.

classes" referred to the work of development of the land and did

not impose any continuing obligation on the city council to

Second, there was no restriction

on the council's power to charge the payment of any premium by

any tenant or prospective tenant of any dwelling. Mr Justice Harman was wrong to conclude that the effect of clause 4 of the

agreement, emitting the council to charge and be paid rents, was

to impose a prohibition against payments of capital sums.

Lord Justice Balcombe and Sir

Solicitors: Mr G. M. Ives.

Westminster; Boodle Hatfield.

Michael Kerr agreed.

Solicitors: Mrs S. G. Smith, Wandsworth; Peter Liell, Oxford. No duty to use homes for working class

LORD JUSTICE NEILL

vestigation itself.
His Lordship could not accept procedure whereby the court, exercising its limited supervisory powers by way of judicial review, could prevent an inferior court or any other tribunal from embark-ing on a hearing on the ground that the "prosecution" had not assembled sufficient evidence or had not carried out a proper investigation before the hearing. His Lordship would dismiss the

ought not to have been prepared to allow the disciplinary proceed-

### Panel entitled to rely on DTI report

Regina v Panel on Take- ings to be based on the DTI overs and Mergers, Ex parte Al Fayed and Others Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Scott and Lord Justice

Judgment April 31 A decision of the executive of the Panel on Take-overs and Mergers to institute disciplinary proceed-ings under the City Code, taken in reliance on a report of the Departexecutive not having carried out its own investigation, did not render the panel's refusal to able to challenge by judicial

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing, for that and other reasons, a renewed application by Mohammed Al Fayed and his two brothers for leave to apply for judicial review, refused on January 23 by Lord Justice Watkins, of the decisions of the take-over panel and it appellate committee not to grant an adjournment of the disciplinary proceedings brought by, the executive against the ap-

Mr David Oliver, QC and Mr Paul Goulding for the applicants; Mr Timothy Wormington for the

that it had been argued that the disciplinary proceedings should be adjourned until the executive had carried out a proper in-

LORD JUSTICE SCOTT, concurring, said that Mr Oliver had submitted that the panel

was admissible on the committal In effect the submission had The protection of the respon-

that the evidence on which disci-plinary proceedings before the panel had been based should not be of a second-hand, hearsay. character but should be eviden from those with personal know-ledge of the relevant facts. If Mr Oliver had intended to go that far, the submission was a hopeless one. It had been established by the Court of Appeal that hearsay evidence was admissible on an application to commit for

contempt of court: see Savings and Investment Bank Ltd v Gasco Investments (Netherlands) BV (No 2) [1988] Ch 422). Some of the bearsay evidence, with which the case was concerned, was a DTI report. The effect of the Court of Appeal decision was that the DTI report

dent against injustice that might be caused by allowing a commit-tal application to be based on hearsay evidence lay, the Court of Appeal had said, in the discretion of the judge in his conduct of the If a contempt of court applica-

tion could be based on a DTI report without unfairness, the case of disciplinary proceedings before the panel had to be afortiori. LORD JUSTICE STEYN.

concurring, asking rhetorically whether it was possible to chall-enge in judicial review proceedings the preliminary decision of the executive that there was a prima facie case to initiate disciplinary proceedings, said that the

The analogy of a decision to prosecute in criminal proceedings was instructive. Such a decision could be most damaging to a defendant. Nevertheless it was a decision which almost invariably lay beyond the legitimate domain of judicial review.

It seemed to his Lordship that

liminary in character.

the absence of evidence of fraud, corruption or mala fides. judicial review would not be allowed to probe a decision to charge individuals in criminal

The law had to take a practical view of the limits of judicial review. It would be unworkable to extend judicial review into that field. If that reasoning was sound. a similar approach seemed applicable to the initiation of disciplinary proceedings. Solicitors Herbert Smith:

### Jet ski is not a vessel

ground that it was time barred.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the

plaintiff, while riding a jet ski off Brighton, had suffered severe

injuries when in collision with a

Steadman v Scholfield and defendants from the refusal of Another A jet ski was not a vessel within the meaning of section 8 of the Maritime Conventions Act 1911 and section 742 of the Merchant

Shipping Act 1984.
Mr Justice Sheen so held in the
Admiralty Court of the Queen's Bench Division on March 31 on second defendant and being

Help for judge

Regina v Miles in a case requiring a careful direction to the jury on the meaning of the words "knowingly a party to the carrying on of the business" in section 458 of the Companies Act 1985, the trial judge should invite counsel to address him upon the legal issues

before summing up.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Swinton Thomas and Mr Justice Garland) so stated on April 2 in allowing an appeal by Thomas John Miles against conviction in February 1989 at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Anwyl Da-

vies, QC and a jury) of fraudulent LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the direction to the jury that the appellant was brought within section 458 if he had been "concurring in the trade which is involved in the business of the company" might well have had the effect of broadening the scope

of the offence charged in the minds of the jury. In the circumstances, the jury did not receive the guidance to which they were entitled and that given to them might have seriously misled them.

The accident had happened on August 6, 1988 and the writ was Deputy District Judge Hooper to strike out the action on the issued on June 20, 1991. Under the 1911 Act a claim

> date when the damage or injury was caused.

> against a vessel had to be com-menced within two years from the

manufacurers as a "personal

In his Lordship's opinion a boat conveyed the concept of a structure which by reason of its concave shape provided buoyancy for the carriage of persons or goods. Giving the word "boat" its ordinary and natural meaning it did not encompass a jet ski.

Was the jet ski a vessel used in navigation and therefore a ship for the purposes of the 1984 Act. "Navigation" was not synonymous with movement on water. Navigation was planned or ordered movement from one place to another.

A person purchased a jet ski for the purpose of enjoying the thrills of water-skiing without the ties of a boat and towrope. A jet ski was not a vessel used in navigation.

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### UK breaches EEC Treaty obligations in patent law provisions

Company choice of jurisdiction clause is binding

Commission v United Kingdom (Supported by Kingdom of Spain, intervener) Case C-30/90 Judges Sir Gordon Slynn, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, F. Grevisse, P. J. G. Kapteyn, G. F. Mancini, C. N. Kakouris, J. C. Marcini, C. N. Kakouris, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Ro-

driguez Iglesias, M. Diez de Velasco, M. Zuleeg and J. L. Murray Advocate General W. Van Gerven (Opinion December 13 1991)

[Judgment February 18] The provisions of the EEC Treaty could not be interpreted as reserv-ing to the national legislature, in relation to industrial and commercial property, the power to adopt measures which would adversely affect the free movement of goods within the market. The Court of Justice of the

European Communities so held in granting an application by the Commission for a declaration that by providing for the grant of compulsory licences where a pat-ent was not worked in the United Kingdom to the fullest extent that was reasonably practicable or where demand for the patented product in the United Kingdom was being met to a substantial extent through importation, the United Kingdom had failed to comply with its obligations under article 30 of the EEC Treaty.

In the United Kingdom patcnis were governed by the Patents Act 1977. Section 48 provided that the Comptroller-General of Patents might order the grant of compulsory patent licences at any years from the date of the grant of the patent on the grounds set out in section 48(3). Section 50(1) of the 1977 Act

provided that the Comptroller

might exercise his powers, inter alia, to ensure that inventions which could be worked on a commercial scale in the United the public interest be so worked delay and to the fullest extent that was reasonably practicable.

The Commission took the view

that those national provisions constituted measures having an effect equivalent to quantitative restrictions on imports within the meaning of article 30 and therefore brought the present proceed-ings pursuant to article 169. The Commission had made it clear that it was solely contesting

the Patents Act in so far as they

Powell Duffryn ple v Petereit

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Advocate General G. Tesauro

(Opinion November 20, 1991) [Judgment March 10] For the purposes of the Brussels

Convention, the articles of associ-

ation of a company were to be regarded as a contract governing both the relationship between

shareholders inter se and the

relationships between them and

the company which they formed.

Therefore a choice of jurisdiction

clause contained in those articles

amounted to an agreement con-

ferring jurisdiction within the

Case C-2|4/89

distinguished between the manu-facture of the patented product on national territory and the importation of the product from state and placed imports at a disadvantage by virtue of the conditions in which they allowed the competent authorities to grant a compulsory licence where he patent was being worked by In its judgment the European

As Community law stood, the provisions on patents had not yet been the subject of unification at Community level or in the context of approximation of laws. In that respect, it had to be pointed out that the Community Patent Con-

meaning of article 17.

The Court of Justice of the

European Communities so held

in answering questions submitted

to it by the Oberlandesgericht (higher regional court) Koblenz.

on the interpretation of article 17

of the Convention of September 27, 1968 on Jurisdiction and the

Enforcement of Judgments in

modified by the Accession Convention of 1978 (OJ L304, p1) -

Powell Duffryn, a company established under English law. had purchased shares in IBH

Holding AG, a company governed by German law, in the context of an increase of the

capital of the latter company in

September 1979. In July 1980 Powell Duffryn

had taken part in a meeting of IBH Holding during which shareholders unanimously adopt-

the Brussels Convention.

In those circumstances it was determine the conditions and rules regarding the protection conferred by patents. However, the provisions of the Treaty, and in particular article

222 according to which the Treaty in no way prejudiced the rules system of property ownership, could not be interpreted as reserving to the national legislature, in relation to industrial and commercial property, the power to adopt measures which would adversely affect the principle of free

ed decisions amending the articles of association of IBH, in

particular by inserting a clause according to which they agreed,

for the purpose of disputes be-tween themselves and the com-

pany, to submit those disputes to the court which normally had

In 1983 IBH became bank-

rupt and Mr Petereit, acting as

liquidator, brought an action be-

fore the Landgericht (regional

court). Mainz, maintaining that Powell Duffryn had not fulfilled

its obligations towards IBH

Holding with regard to cash

payments which it was obliged to

make in accordance with in-

creases in the capital of the

of dividends which, according to him, had been wrongly paid to

He also claimed the repayment

The Landgericht, Mainz,

jurisdiction over the company.

and regulated by the Treaty.

First, the prohibitions and restrictions on imports justified on grounds of the protection of in-dustrial and commercial property were allowed by article 36 of the Treaty only subject to the express proviso that they did not consti-tute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised

Second, as the Court had con-sistently held, article 36 only admitted derogations from the fundamental principle of the free Common Market to the extent to which such derogations were justified for the purpose of safe-guarding rights which

which was the court designated by the jurisdiction clause, rejected

raised by Powell Duffryn, which

had argued that such a claim could not constitute an "agree-

ment" and that therefore it

should have been sued in Eng-

The company therefore ap-

pealed to the Oberlandesgericht.

Koblenz which, taking the view

that the case raised a question of

interpretation of article 17 of the Brussels Convention stayed the

proceedings and referred a num-

ber of questions to the European Court for a preliminary ruling.

Article 17 of the Brussels Con-

vention provided that if the par-

ties, one or more of whom was

domiciled in a contracting state,

had agreed that the courts of a contracting state were to have

jurisdiction to settle any disputes

land, where it was domiciled.

constituted the specific subject-matter of such property (Case C-10/89 CNL-SUCAL V HAG (The Times December 7, 1990; [1990] ECR 1-3711)). In the case of patents, the specific subject-matter of the industrial property was, in particular, the exclusive right for the patent proprietor to use an inven-tion with a view to manufacturing industrial products and putting them into circulation for the first time, either directly or by the grant of licences to third parties, as well as the right to oppose infringements (Case 434/85 Al-len and Hanburys v Generics (The Times March 11, 1968;

with a particular legal relation-ship, those courts should have

In its judgment the European

I A clause conferring jurisdiction on a court of a contracting state

for the purpose of disputes be-

tween a company and its share-holders, included in the articles of association of that company and

adopted in accordance with the

relevant provisions of national law and with the articles of

association themselves, was an

agreement conferring jurisdiction within the meaning of article 17

2 Irrespective of the means of

acquisition of the shares, the formal requirements laid down

by article 17 were to be regarded as fulfilled in respect of all share-

holders where the agreement con-

Court of Justice ruled:

the grant of compulsory licences, be adversely affected where the (1988) ECR 1245)). Under the national provisions,

patent was worked by importa-tion into the national territory. To avoid any risk of loss of his exclusive right, which could not, in his view, be duly compensated by the payment by the licensee of the reasonable remuneration prothe reasonable remuneration pro-vided for by section 50(1)(b) of the Patents Act, the patentee was thus encouraged to manufacture on the territory of the state where the patent had been granted rather than to import the patent-ed product from the territory of

exclusive right conferred by a patent might, in the framework of

Irrespective of the number of

the articles of association of the

company and where those articles

had been lodged in a place to which the shareholder might

have access or where they ap-peared in a public register.

3 The requirement that the appli-

cation of an agreement confer

ring jurisdiction be limited to disputes which might arise in

connection with a particular legal

relationship within the meaning of article 17 was satisfied if the

clause conferring jurisdiction

which appeared in the articles of

association of a company could be interpreted as meaning that it

referred to disputes between the company and its shareholders as

4 It was for the national court to

interpret a clause conferring jurisdiction which had been raised

before it in order to determine

disputes which fell within its

Such discrimination was in fact motivated not by the specific requirements of industrial and commercial property but, as the defendant state moreover recognized, by the national legislature's concern to encourage domestic

of which was to frustrate the objectives of the Community as laid down in particular in article 2 and specified in article 3 of the Treaty, could not be accepted as a

1 Declared that by treating a case where demand for the patented product was satisfied on the domestic market by imports from other member states as a case where a compulsory licence might be granted for insufficiency of exploitation of the patent the United Kingdom had failed to fulfil its obligations under article 30 of the EEC Treats.

such provisions were capable of hindering, directly or indirectly actually or potentially, intra-Community trade. Although the penalty for lack or insufficiency of exploitation of

a patent might be regarded as the necessary counterpart to the terri-torial exclusivity conferred by the patent, there was no reason relating to the specific subject-matter of the patent to justify the dis-crimination inherent in the contested provisions between exploiting the patent in the form of production on the national territory and exploiting it by importation from the territory of other member states.

Such a consideration, the effect

justification for a restriction on trade between member states. On those grounds, the Europe-

30 of the EEC Treaty: 2 Ordered the United Kingdom to pay the costs;
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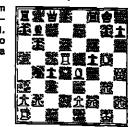
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### Right on the modern track

Marcus Binney celebrates Dutch station architecture.

which sets an example for the rest of Europe

ost-Modernism brought bright colour and eyecatching shapes into a world made grim by colourless concrete slabs. Yet while Po-Mo flourishes in the United States and Japan under the presiding geniuses of Michael Graves and Arata Isozaki, in Europe a determined attempt is being made to kill it off and replace it with the cool rationale of high-tech and neo-Modernism.

Therefore anyone who believes that the future of architecture lies in the existence of choice should make a point of visiting the latest Dutch railway stations.

Harry Reijnders who is the chief architect at Netherland railways, explains: "Light and colour are two of the most important building materials. We believe our stations must be bright open places with maximum visibility. Then you don't need picturegrams telling everyone where to go."

He continues: "You know the old saying of the modern movement. 'Less is more'. Well, we say, 'Less is a bore'. We believe in putting decoration back into architecture. Decoration has a function. We want our stations to be pleasing places to wait in."

Market research showed that passengers objected particularly to windy platforms. So it is now Netherlands railway policy, wherever feasible, to enclose the tracks with an all-over glass and steel roof. providing protection from the rain and the wind, but allowing you to enjoy the glow of the sun.

The latest is Amsterdam's RAI on the southern branch of the circular railway around the city. Here is a transparent tunnel in the sky; the curved sides have the familiar slope of an underground station but as the tracks are elevated you have panoramic views all

To increase the sense of lightness the girders are honeycombed, punched with as many holes as could be imagined without causing them to snap. What makes the station smart is

the livery: scarlet railings and girders on the island platforms contrasting with the matt black of the roof. Everything is designed to create a streamlined effect, with twin red handrails for adults and

The vertical columns are without the capitals they would have had in Victorian times, and follow a graceful boomerang curve to meet the roof. Appropriately, there are flashes of Post-Modern wit such as the column almost sliced away as if to say "Look no hands".

These sleek overall roofs cannot be justified on revenue grounds at smaller stations, so the railway



Tunnel in the sky: Amsterdam RAI, where the emphasis is on colour and light, and the creation of a comfortable, safe place to wait

architects are constantly thinking up cheaper ways of giving stations an eye-catching presence.

Arnhem-Velperpoort is a subur-ban station with a startling new entrance housing the staircase up to the elevated railway tracks. "Look what we can do with a dull concrete box", it proclaims. The box is in fact no more than a frame at the sides and the top. The station hall and balcony above break the bounds of this frame in a bold serpentine curve. Charcoal mosaic cladding contrasts with an egg-yolk roof to the balcony. Above, a tomato-red container hangs mysteriously from the sky.

This is not so much architecture as three-dimensional sculpture. Reijnders acknowledges the influence of Piet Mondrian, the great Dutch artist: "He worked with a few primary colours and a collection of grey tones which closely matches the corporate colours of the railway."

To complete the composition there is a tilework waffle-iron grid in umbrella black, and sky blue

northern Groningen, even a simple country halt has been given the treatment. Here the need was for no more than a small waiting room. So the architects designed a gateway to draw attention to the

The theme is fashionable Deconstruction, the mode by which an architect appears to explode or pull a building apart. True, the row of white plastic seats, elevated on a pigeon-grey podium and looking olemnly at a wastebin, may seem a bit contrived, but the "building" achieves its main purpose: once seen, never forgotten. Ingenious too is the way the waiting-room, glazed from floor to ceiling, looks out to the street as well as to the platform, reducing any uncomfortable feeling of isolation for those

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who wait at night. (New waiting rooms at Dutch stations are always ducing the chance of passengers being hassled or abused.)

Near the Hague, the underground station at Zoetermeer is colourfully designed in pastels. The glass and steel canopy is a raspber-ry ice-cream pink, deliberately clashing with royal blue and apple green girders,

On the platforms traditional glass block "pavement" lights are

used on the walls, illuminated from behind, in pinks, pale yellows, soft greens and light blues. Everything glows, each detail is coloured, the circular blue seats on green girders and columns with red and blue stripes. Even the black and white

clock has a red second hand. Still more exciting stations are on the way. The new central station at the university town of Leiden will open in 1995 with a speciacular new conjuring trick.
At Amsterdam's Slotterdijk sta-

tion. Dutch railway architects had astonished passengers by bringing the high level trains straight through the concourse in a glass tunnel. At Leiden, tracks and platforms are carried on special transparent bridges to allow daylight into the concourse below. In other words you will look up and see the train drawing into the station above you, providing a new form of relief to latecomers.

Here again there will be a great arched roof, unusually running across not along the tracks. But in a neat reversal of tradition, the girders which carry the glass roof diagonally like a gothic cross vault. Still more of an engineering

sensation will be the multi-level station at Rotterdam Blaak, where the train, subway and tram interchange in three layers. A single steel lattice truss span-

ning the entire complex proclaims the whereabouts of the station to sing traffic. The cunning part is the way it appears to be a crane, ready to pick up the circular glass room over the entrance and swing it to the other side of the tracks. The all-glass roof over the stairs up to the exits, says Reijnders "makes the way out to the city easy to find as it is bathed in daylight." Neon lights on the arch, he says, will tell passengers on the square outside whether a train is approaching or leaving the underground station.

Mr Reijnders emphasises that

Dutch railways can take as much pride in restoring fine old stations as building new ones. At Wolvega in Friesland, a pretty country station of the 1860s has been immaculately restored. What gives it charm is the use of the same fret for both the roof and the platform canopy. This is a "modern" restora-tion, not a period one. The clean black and white colouring is in no way Victorian and the interior is shiny steel and illuminated glass namels. These are set in a rectangular grid, giving them the look of the opaque paper walls in a traditional Japanese house. Beneath the canopy the justaposition of old and new is neatly made by the introduction little like a Japanese fan.

The best part of Holland's amazing station programme is the way it sets out unashamedly to appeal to the public with bright colours, dean buildings and a welcoming sense of openness. "What I like about designing stations is that they are seen by many more people each day than any other type of public building," says Reijnders.

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### AMSTERDAM

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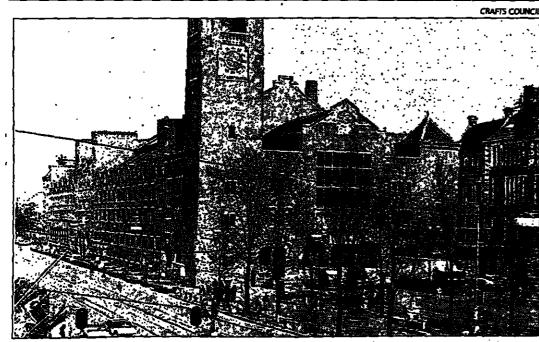
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### Craftsmen will pitch their wares at a new fair in Amsterdam



Arts-and-crafty home for arts-and-crafty folk: the De Beurs van Berlage building on the Damrak

### **Tougher than tulips**

he Dutch tourist board will have more than tulips to promote next spring. May 1993 will see the opening of a new international crafts fair to be held each year in the beautiful De Beurs van Berlage building in Damrak, a

prime location in Amsterdam. The fair, plans for which were unveiled yesterday, is a joint initiative between Britain's Crafts Council, promoting contemporary crafts in England and Wales, and Dutch Form, a similar organisation in the

Netherlands. Running from May 11 to 17 of next year, it will feature 250 exhibitors, about three-quarters of whom are expected to be British or Dutch, at least in the first instance. Ceramics, glass, metalwork, jewellery, furniture and textiles will all be included, with designers selected on merit by an independent panel. The De Beurs van Berlage building, home of the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, was built at the turn of the century. It has a wealth of decorative features from carved panelling to stained glass, and will add a unique flavour to the event; but the fair will be building on a direct selling formula already tested at London's Chelsea Crafts Fair. Organiser Morris Latham of the

Crafts Council explains: "Last year the turnover at Chelsea was up to 1.3 million pounds. With modern production methods, and Third World countries offering such cheap labour, the availability of giftware and products that compete on price is so universal that those who can afford it are looking for 4 more individual, design-based pieces. An event such as Chelsea shows that people like buying from the designers themselves. And it's a two-way process. The process of standing by one's work and hear-

ing people talk about it is extremely helpful for the makers." While interest in contemporary crafts has dramatically increased in Britain in recent years, Latham

believes that other European countries have more of a tradition of acquiring modern pieces. "Unlike most European countries, Britain hasn't been trampled upon or looted over the last 1,000 years. It hasn't been invaded so there are huge stocks of antiques and artefacts. Until recently, when people came into a little money, they would tend to buy something old. The continent on the other hand is wholly attuned to buying some-

thing new, as is America." But will Europeans buy "crafts" when they could be buying "art"? Latham laughs off the distinction. "Bach wrote a series of wonderful letters calling himself a craftsman. A bookbinder might choose to call himself an artist. Like beauty, it's in the eye of the beholder."

Craft-makers who wish to be considered for the fair should write to: Crafts Council, 44a Pentonville Road, Islington, London N1 9BY

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### Fooled by hope

**Benjamin Ivry** sees a colourful

Paris production

of an opera by Dallapiccola

THE Paris Châtelet Theatre's admirably adventurous opera season has recently offered impressive stagings of Berg's Lulu starring Brigitte Fassbänder and Hans Hotter, as well as Bruno Maderna's rarely performed

Hyperion.
The series has continued with three performances of a new production of Il Prigioniero (The Prisoner), a one-act opera by the Italian modernist Luigi Dallapiccols, conducted by the talented young Swedish maestro Esa-Pekka Salonen with the Swedish Radio Orchestra.

Dallapiccola was part of a postwar school of composers including Maderna and also Luigi Nono. whose large-scale works made orchestras sound like laboratories for experimental sounds. Indeed, Il Prigioniero was premiered in 1950 by that arch-innovator and great

musician Hermann Scherchen. At 34, Salonen cannot be expected to have quite the same command: nevertheless the orchestra and chorus under his direction sounded both good and loud. At some orchestral tutti the sonorities were almost reminiscent of Puccini's Turandot, which only proves that Dallapiccola, despite all his originality, is still with the bel canto

tradition at heart. The plot of Il Prigioniero is summed up in the title of the story by Villiers de l'Isle Adam that inspired the piece, "Torture Through Hope". An anonymous prisoner is led to believe by a jailer that he will be freed, when in fact he is led to the gallows: Not a sunny little tale, and fortunately the baritone David Pittman-Jennings. in the part of the jailed man, turned in a gutsy and gritty reading of his

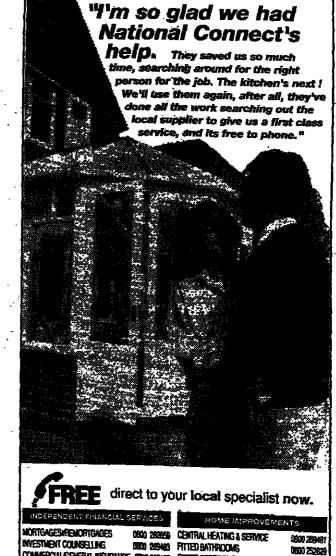
The eerie double role of jailer and Grand Inquisitor was sung to much effect by the Swiss tenor Peter Keller, often heard on Europe's opera stages as Wagner's Mime, a role not unrelated to that of Dallapiccola's character. In the most striking stage effect, a chorus of cowled figures placed eighteen across to fill the stage, and stacked four high, one atop another's shoulders, shrieks out a hymn as a blinding light is flashed at the

audience. Apart from that light, a tired cliche of the avant-garde theatre no doubt secretly funded by optome-trists' associations, the overall dramatic tension of the piece was high. However, the panoply of pastel colours, including an endless string of neon key-line documents and red-orange umbrellas, added just a bit too much pigment to the prisoner's final sufferings.

It may be that the director Bernard Sobel, who is in charge of the imaginative theatre at Genevilliers, wished at all costs to avoid giving an impression of a 'grey" evening in the theatre. If so, he and Maestro Salonen succeed ed, as Il Prigioniero is more gripping musically and scenically than any opera seen for a long time

As the work lasts less than an hour, the programme was balanced with seven Monteverdi madrigals, unfortunately sung by a rather unbalanced quintet called the Groupe Vocal de France, who were badly in need of a conductor. An event that epitomised the lack of madrigal teamwork in this flu season in Paris, was when the bass turned his head to sneeze during one number it was right at the tenor, instead of away from his colleagues, that he chose to

Although Monteverdi's madrigals are indeed also about love and war, the Daliapiccola work left the most lasting imprint: in the tradition of "prison rescue" operas like Fidelio or Cherubini's Les Deux Journées or even Smetana's Dalibor, but written at a time when realisation dawned on the artist that in some cases, no rescue is



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